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## Special DPS unit for 41 cold cases

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REPORTER

Newly nominated Department of Public Safety commissioner Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero has created a special unit that focuses on solving cold homicide cases as well as missing persons.

Deleon Guerrero, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last week, said that he formed the Special Homicide Activity Resolution Partnership, SHARP, in late December or early January 2013 as then commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. SHARP is composed of five detectives.



Deleon Guerrero

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### COURTESY VISIT

Gov. Benigno R. Fitia, left, and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, partly covered, listen to acting Interior deputy assistant secretary for Insular Affairs Eileen Sobeck, third from left, during a courtesy visit of Interior and other federal officials at the Office of the Governor yesterday morning. Also in photo are Sally Howard, right, chief of staff of U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Office of Insular Affairs legal counsel Wendy Fink, OIA Director Nik Pula, and other OIA officials.

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## Postage stamp costs, shipping fees go up

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Residents planning to mail a letter or send out flat-rate boxes and envelopes will be digging deeper into their pockets after the U.S. Postal Service's new rates took effect on Sunday.

Some USPS customers interviewed yesterday were unaware of the rate increase in the agency's mailing and shipping services, which was announced as early as October 2012 and approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission later.

USPS stamp prices saw a one-cent increase or from 45 cents to 46 cents in sending a one-ounce First-Class Mail. The cost for letters that weigh more than an ounce

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## December visitor arrivals up 15 pct.



Tenorio

December 2012 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 15 percent compared to December 2011, marking a 17-percent jump in total visitor arrivals for calendar year 2012.

» **Arrivals up 17 percent in 2012**

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 38,526 visitors in December compared to 33,418 in December 2011. This boosts total visitor arrivals in 2012 to 400,269, exceeding the 400,000 mark for the first time since 2006.

"We're very pleased to close out 2012 with 12

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## Senate forms Retirement Fund panel

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Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) has formed an ad-hoc committee to address the many issues facing the beleaguered NMI Retirement Fund, appointing

» **2 joint meetings with House committee this week**

Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) as panel chairman.

With the House and Senate now having ad-hoc panels on Fund issues, they are set to have two joint meetings today and Friday, to receive updates from Fund and Department of Labor.

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# Local

## Free workshop seeks to highlight importance of MPAs



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Department of Land and Natural Resources Sec. Arnold Palacios, left, is joined by his staff as he talks to reporters during yesterday's briefing on the 2013 Marine Protected Areas Workshop that will be held today at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

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The CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife is expected to convene key stakeholders for the 2013 Marine Protected Areas Workshop scheduled today at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

The workshop, made possible by a congressional grant awarded in 2010 to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, is open to the public and will highlight marine protected areas in

the Northern Marianas and how federal agencies come into play in the management and administration of these MPAs.

"We want to give a presentation on where we're at on our MPAs, what our challenges and opportunities are, and what we need to do as we move forward," DLNR Sec. Arnold Palacios said yesterday in a press briefing in Lower Base.

This will be the first time the agency will host a workshop on MPAs of this magnitude, Palacios said, as previous meetings

and discussions were of smaller scale and did not bring in industry leaders and experts who could help educate and make the public understand the need to protect the islands' marine biodiversity.

He said the whole-day workshop will feature presentations by local and federal marine resource experts who will give an update and overview on the seven existing MPAs in the Commonwealth.

The event, Palacios added, will also serve as an oppor-

tunity for the CNMI's Fish & Wildlife team to learn from the successes and challenges of MPA enforcement and management from their counterparts in Guam and Palau.

Palacios noted that today's event is an "all-encompassing" workshop to be attended by government officials from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, resource agency envoys, fishermen, representatives of water sports and other tourism-related businesses whose involvement in the management of MPAs is vital.

He said that DFW has been assessing the effectiveness of protected marine habitats, given the livelihood and cultural impact of MPAs on island communities, all of which are to be discussed at the event.

DFW pointed out the need to have continuing discussions on MPAs, and the workshop is one way of reaching out to the public to inform them about the benefits of MPAs as backed by scientific research.

"We want the community to come out and attend the workshop because these are their resources," said Palacios.

For more information, call 664-6000.

## Inos grateful for nomination

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

"I'm going to continue to uphold the oath of my office."

Thus states Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos yesterday after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial nominated him to serve as associate justice of the CNMI Supreme Court.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Inos thanked Fitial for nominating him and that he looks forward to working with Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Associate Justice John A. Manglona if the Senate confirms his nomination.

Inos, 46, said he also looks forward with meeting with the senators.

"I don't know when the date is, it's up to the Senate to set the date and time for that [confirmation process]. But I'm ready for it if they notify me," he said.

The judge said he is really grateful to the governor for the nomination, which he did not expect.

"I was asked first. There was an offer and I accepted it," Inos said.

Inos began to serve on the bench on Sept. 22, 2008. His first six-year term as a judge will expire in September 2014.

Inos successfully hurdled his first retention election last Nov. 6 when voters decided to retain him, along with Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman.

**Tourism Tuesday**

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority  
*Tourism is everybody's business.*

**Saipan & Tinian Korean Social Commerce Promotion**



In December 2013, the **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** undertook a social commerce promotion with Korean travel partners to increase the sales volunteer of tours to **Saipan** and **Tinian**.

The MVA partnered with travel agent **Online Tour** and **We Make Price** at [www.wemakeprice.com](http://www.wemakeprice.com) to sell 4-night, 5-day packages to Tinian. During the sales period



from Dec. 13-17, 32 individuals were booked. A similar promotion was arranged with travel agent **Bomul Tour** and

**Ticket Monster** at [www.ticketmonster.co.kr](http://www.ticketmonster.co.kr) for Dec. 21-16, during with 112 individuals were booked for either a 3-night or a 4-night stay in Saipan.

The MVA also provided giveaways to the travel agents for meeting their sales goals.

An overwhelming percentage of the population of Korea have internet access, making social commerce a growing supplement to MVA's more traditional marketing and promotions in the country.



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# Settlement talks on defective Tinian terminal ongoing

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Issues involving the alleged faulty design and management of the West Tinian Airport project are expected to end soon following disclosure that its contractor has offered to settle with the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Acting CPA board chair Manny Villagomez confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the proposed settlement agreement, saying negotiations are ongoing. No amount has been finalized yet.

The ports authority filed in February 2012 a \$1-million lawsuit against Texas-based firm Leo A. Daly Co. for breach of contract, professional malpractice, negligence, fraud, and violations of the Consumer Protection Act and the CNMI Building Safety Code pertaining to the construction of the new departure terminal for the Tinian airport.

Leo A. Daly got the CPA contract in 2003 for \$399,000. The company designed the renovation work for the West Tinian Airport and provided construction management services during the construction phase of the project. It completed its services in December 2008.

Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects, which performed other services for the West Tinian Airport, discovered that

Leo A. Daly's design and construction did not comply with American with Disabilities Act requirements, including the restrooms. Specifically, the restroom doors and stalls are too narrow to allow for ADA compliance and the sinks do not allow wheelchair access as required by the ADA. The new terminal was also deemed non-compliant with typhoon or earthquake protection standards. The structural deficiencies, it was learned, require major structural reengineering and retrofitting.

Following the discovery of these deficiencies, the facility was not allowed to open due to safety concerns.

Villagomez said yesterday that CPA is optimistic about its ongoing negotiations with Leo A. Daly. CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero is scheduled to meet with lawyers of the Texas company in March this year in Iowa.

Deleon Guerrero was not available for comments when contacted yesterday.

Tinian Airport manager Joseph Mendiola welcomed the settlement news, saying this will help CPA move forward with the long-delayed project. The new departure terminal has yet to be opened for public use since being built some five years ago.

All inbound and outbound passengers of Tinian continue


to use the old and cramped terminal, which Mendiola said sometimes accommodates more than 200 passengers.

Mendiola said the defective departure terminal is also delaying the planned renovation of the existing terminal.


The CNMI government also sued Leo A. Daly in 2009 due to the defective design of the Commonwealth Health Center's dialysis center. The parties reached a \$2-million settlement in 2010.

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## Lifoifoi retains CPA board chairmanship

Members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority board on Friday re-elected Jose Lifoifoi as chairman. Lifoifoi, along with fellow members Manny Villagomez and Margaret Prater, will serve as the board's key officers for the entire year. Villagomez was re-elected vice chairman, while Prater won another year as the board's secretary and treasurer.

Lifoifoi, who quit the ports authority board in 2007, was re-appointed a year later and soon after began serving as the board's chairman. When his term expired in 2011, he was appointed for another four-year term. Lifoifoi's term at CPA is due to end on Jan. 17, 2015.

Lifoifoi is currently the chairman of the United Micronesia Development Association, Inc. He also served as speaker of the 5th CNMI House of Representatives, and is also the Republic of Palau's honorary consul general to the CNMI.

The CPA board has seven members, including Lifoifoi, Villagomez, Prater, Benjamin Sablan, Fermin Sakisat, Barrie Toves, and Connie Igisomar.

During Friday's meeting, the board also briefly discussed issues relating to the potential impeachment of

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the appointing authority for all board members.

If the governor is impeached, Sablan said it is only proper for all board members to submit their courtesy resignations to the governor.

Sablan asked Lifoifoi to seek a clear direction from the governor whether or not he plans to change the composition of the CPA board. *Saipan Tribune* learned that Sablan's term as board member is expiring in June this year.

Meantime, the board approved Friday the creation of a new position and reclassification of another post as requested by the board's personnel committee.

To be added to the CPA personnel is a property specialist who will be assigned under the procurement and supply office of the ports authority. Approved for reclassification, meantime, is the position of baggage handling specialist foreman.

Also on Friday, the board temporarily appointed attorney Janet King as the board's legal counsel following the appointment of former CPA counsel Joey San Nicolas as the new attorney general. (Moneth G. Deposa)

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# Impeachment panel OKs two more charges vs Fitial

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After several hours of reviewing last year's video footage of testimony from government officials, the Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment adopted yesterday two corruption and neglect of duty charges against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial related to the sole-source award of an almost \$400,000 ARRA management contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's Integrated Professional Solutions LLC within days of his resignation, in violation of CNMI laws.

This brings to seven the total number of impeachment articles so far adopted since Jan. 24.

The seven-member panel is expected to act on the remaining 11 of 18 articles of impeachment this week, before presenting them to the full House of Representatives for action.

"You have a company that has not yet been formed, that has not obtained a business license, but yet that contract was approved," said impeachment panel member and Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan).

He said this is a clear case of "a cart leading the bull," and a violation of CNMI laws.

Dela Cruz said the governor conspired with the "yet-to-be-formed company," so there was no plan to bid out the contract.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), a staunch defender of the governor, was absent from the committee meet-

ing yesterday.

Back in 2010, Ada cited as reason for his resignation as Commerce secretary his plan to pursue his studies. However, days later, it was revealed that a new company that Ada formed had bagged a \$392,406 sole-source contract from the government to manage ARRA contracts, similar to his former job when he was with the government. The panel says this

violates the law on post-employment restrictions and other ethics laws.

The committee reviewed recorded testimony on the matter by Office of the Public Auditor counsel George Hasselback, Public Auditor Michael Pai, and OPA's Juana Atalig, among others.

At one point, Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) asked whether there's any proof that the administra-

## Santos withdraws from impeachment panel

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Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) withdrew yesterday from the seven-member Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment, citing the need to address urgent matters affecting her senatorial district of Rota. As of late yesterday afternoon, House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) has yet to decide on her replacement.

Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) separately said they want somebody from the minority bloc to replace Santos.

"We will move on," Deleon Guerrero said, when asked whether the committee will proceed without a replacement for Santos.

Santos was one of two members of the minority bloc represented on the impeachment committee, which is currently reviewing a resolution

impeaching the governor for 18 allegations of corruption, neglect of duty and felony.

Santos was present only during Thursday morning's committee meeting. That afternoon when the first few articles were voted on, Santos was already excused. She also missed the meetings on Friday when three other articles were voted on.

The minority is aligned with the governor or his Republican Party.

One other minority member on the impeachment panel is Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), who was also absent during yesterday's meeting. Besides Ogumoro, Santos, and Camacho, the other member of the minority bloc is Rep. Richard Seman (R-Saipan).

Santos wrote a one-page letter to impeachment panel chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) yesterday about her withdrawal from the committee and recommended Camacho as her replacement.

## DECEMBER

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months of consecutive gains and a 17-percent increase in visitor arrivals, overall," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "Several factors played a role in this and will continue to influence arrivals in 2013: more available air seats; strategic and cost-effective marketing efforts by our offshore offices in Japan, Korea, and China; the global economy and other international affairs working in our favor; and the buy-in of the local community to make our destination hospitable, attractive, and safe."

Arrivals from Japan reached 13,942 visitors in December, 6 percent higher than December last year, as the Japan market continues to stabilize. Asiana Airlines launched daily service from

Osaka to Saipan starting Dec. 21, 2012, and running through March 31, 2013, using an Airbus 321 with 177 seats, which will ensure continued strong growth out of the Osaka market for the coming three months. Asiana Airlines also launched charter flights from Narita to Saipan from Dec. 21, 2012, through Jan. 2, 2013, generating 2,949 additional seats out of the Tokyo market.

Arrivals from Korea rose 13 percent to 12,873 visitors. The supply of air seats to the CNMI out of the Korea market has increased since November, with Asiana Airlines boosting its Busan-Saipan service from two to four flights a week beginning Nov. 20. On Jan. 10, Asiana Airlines also began operating charter flights twice weekly using an Airbus 330 with 290 seats for the winter season until Mar. 28, 2013, which will bring an additional 6,670 air seats out of the Korea market to the

Northern Marianas.

Arrivals from China continued their double-digit growth trend, jumping 53 percent in December to 8,716 visitors. In addition to six weekly flights from Shanghai and Guangzhou, two weekly direct non-stop flights operate from Beijing to Saipan. In conjunction with Century Tours, DFS Saipan, and other key China travel agents, the MVA China office has launched a large-scale billboard, subway advertising, PR and travel trade campaign in support of the Beijing flights. Arrivals are anticipated to see another spike during the Lunar New Year holiday starting Feb. 9, 2013.

With the launch of bi-weekly direct charter flights from Vladivostok to Saipan in late October, arrivals from Russia leaped 34 percent in December to 901 and are expected to see continued rapid growth throughout 2013. (MVA)

## SENATE

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ment of Finance officials.

Hofschneider said the Senate Committee on the NMIRF would work with agencies and recommend to the full Senate pieces of legislation that will best assist the pension agency.

"As this is a pressing issue, I encourage the committee to work together with the recently formed House of Representatives Committee on the Retirement Fund, so that any legislation can be passed expediently," Hofschneider said in a Jan. 25 memo to senators.

Besides Yumul, the other members of the Senate's ad-hoc committee on Fund issues are Senate floor leader Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) and Sen. Francisco Borja (Ind-Tinian).

"As the NMIRF is in immediate need of assistance, I ask that the committee present its findings to the Senate in a timely manner," Hofschneider added. The previous Senate leadership also formed an ad-hoc panel on Fund issues.

Yumul, in an interview yesterday, underscored the need to work together to help prolong the Fund's lifespan.

"Right now, the focus is increasing the amount of remittance from the government to [the] Retirement Fund, and look at other potential funding sources, including the pension obligation bond," he said.

This afternoon, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson is set to give the Senate, along with the House, an update about Public Law 17-82, which allows the withdrawal of members' contributions from the Fund and the

government's remittance of funds to the pension agency.

The Senate president requested for the meeting last week, saying there are "many unanswered questions" about these matters. He cited the court's order that the Fund should work with Finance on PL 17-82 matters.

Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Fund Issues, asked the Senate president yesterday for a joint meeting of the two committees on Friday morning.

Taitano said they will hear updates from Fund acting administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan and trustee *ad litem* Joseph Razzano. Yumul said having joint meetings instead of separate ones to hear updates from stakeholders is better, so that the Legislature will be able to work as one in addressing Fund issues.

tion contacted any federal ARRA grant provider about a possible loss of federal grants if no ARRA management contract is awarded immediately.

There was no such proof, as the administration itself stated that it did not contact any federal agency on the matter.

At 11:57am yesterday, Dela Cruz moved to adopt Article 8.

Two minutes later, the article on corruption related to the sole-source ARRA management contract award was adopted by a vote of 5-0 with one absence and one resignation.

The five who voted "yes" were impeachment committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (IR-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Cris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

## POSTAGE

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remains unchanged at 20 cents per additional ounce.

Postcard postage also increased by a penny and is now at 33 cents, while the cost to send letters to international destinations went up to \$1.10.

USPS also has new prices for its Priority Mail Flat Rate products. A small box will now cost \$5.80, a medium box \$12.35, a large box \$16.85, and a large APO/FPO box \$14.85.

For envelopes, a regular size will ship for \$5.60, a legal envelope for \$5.75, and a padded envelope for \$5.95.

The new rates come a year since the cash-strapped USPS last increased its fees. The organization does not receive tax dollars and relies on the sale of available products and services to fund its operations.

But copies of the latest fee table are not shown anywhere at the Saipan branch of USPS in Chalan Kanoa.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that USPS has been visiting private postal service establishments to inform them about the new rates.

"I wish they had put on display these new rates so that customers would become aware that they now need to pay

By a vote of 5-0 as well, the committee adopted Article 16, a neglect of duty charge related to the sole-source ARRA management contract award, at 12:03pm.

An investigative report issued by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Interior dated July 14, 2011, found evidence suggesting that the contract to IPS violated multiple CNMI ethics laws including those on post-employment restrictions; use of office, staff or employees of public office; restraint on use of public position to obtain private benefit; and negotiating for nongovernment employment.

In addition, the Office of Inspector General report found that the contract may have violated CNMI Procurement and Supply regulations, specifically on "ethics in public contracting."

more when sending mails. Not everyone has Internet access to log on to the USPS website and be informed about the new rates," said Elmer Barrogo, an employee of a law firm and courier service.

Barrogo said his company sends up to 500 pieces of regular and certified mails per week on behalf of clients that are mostly government agencies and law offices.

"I'm lucky that I have fewer mails to send out today," Barrogo said Monday. He ended up paying for the additional charges himself.

Another customer, a female who works in a private company, said she too was unaware that USPS increased its rates starting Jan. 27.

She said the rate hike would mean additional expense for her when sending a care package for her family members who have relocated to the mainland.

Kate Xu-Miao, a staffer at PMB Postal Press in Garapan, said the postmaster himself informed her of the new rates when she picked up packages and mails for their customers. Miao said they were referred to the USPS website for more information on the price change.

"We already know about the increase and we informed our customers right away," she said.

## DPS

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"That's all they do, just focus on all of these cold homicide cases and missing persons," said Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero formed SHARP shortly after reactivating in November 2012 the Thief Apprehension Select Coalition, another special unit that he and police detective Jeffrey Olopai created in 2002 that focuses on burglary, robbery, and theft cases.

He disclosed that there are 41 or 42 pending homicide cases and missing person cases in the CNMI that date back to the '70s. One of his priorities now is the 2012 murder of bartender Emerita Romero and other pending homicides.

"But the thing that we must understand on how law enforcement normally approaches the investigation in these types of cases is that the focus will always be on cases with the highest potential solutions," he said.

He said it makes no sense to focus on cases that will lead them nowhere when they know for a fact that there may be cases that are very close to a solution.

"I think one of the cases that really has cost a lot of public dismay rest with

the Romero case. We also have the Luhk sisters that have disappeared and that will also be a focus by this particular of homicide team," he said.

On his appointment as DPS commissioner, Deleon Guerrero said the appointment does not in any way change his personal or professional views about upholding the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Act with respect to hiring practices in the department. He said he fully intends to comply with the Superior Court's judgment that came as a result of his lawsuit against DPS.

"I guess this is more of an opportunity for me to make sure that institutional reforms are performed or made so we can make sure that DPS does not fall into a situation where it does not serve its purpose as an equal employment opportunity employer," he added.

Deleon Guerrero led 25 other police officers in filing a lawsuit to protest DPS' discriminatory practices in its promotion and hiring. The court issued last year a judgment favorable to the officers' lawsuit.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial last Tuesday nominated the police sergeant to serve as DPS commissioner. The appointment requires the Senate's advice and consent.





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Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time.

| Location   | Date  | Time                    |
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| Mt. Carmel Cathedral Social Hall   | Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013                    | 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  |
| DCCA Rota Office   | Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013                      | 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  |
| DCCA Tinian Office   | Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013                     | 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| <b>For Full Time Students with Zero Income</b><br>CCDF Office Capitol Hill, Saipan | On-going; every Tuesdays and Thursdays only | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |

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  - In Training: must have documents indicating a minimum of 60 training hours bi-weekly
- B. **For Full Time students with income:**
  - All requirements under letter A plus
  - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant’s full name, hours worked (a minimum 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for both parents
  - Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 for both parents
- C. **For working parents:**
  - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant’s full name, hours worked (a minimum 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings for both parents
  - Most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 for both parents

Interested applicants must bring the above documents to be entertained for pre-eligibility.

The Child Care Program Office will accept completed applications beginning Tuesday, February 11, 2013 between 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. and the last day to submit applications will be on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the Child Care Program please call at 664-2575/664-2546/664-2576.

Full Requirements:

Applicant of Household

- 1. Three (3) latest check stubs each parent or legal guardian (if legal guardian, must provide copy of Court Documents)
  - a. Applicant’s Full Name
  - b. Hours worked (minimum of 60 hours bi-weekly)
  - c. Hourly Rate
  - d. Gross Monthly Earnings
- 2. A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian
  - a. Passport
  - b. CNMI Driver’s License
  - c. Mayor’s ID
  - d. CW 1, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), Notice of Completed Biometrics (if applicable)
- 3. A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2011 (each parent or guardian)
- 4. Residency: Provide one of the following:
  - a. House Rental/ Mortgage
  - b. Utility Receipt
  - c. Telephone Receipt
  - d. CW 1, EAD, Notice of Completed Biometrics (if applicable)
- 5. Employment verification (CCDF prescribed form)
- 6. Training/Education Verification
  - a. Letter of Acceptance from Institution
  - b. Full time student
    - i. Twelve (12) Credit Units
    - ii. Letter from ABE indicating full time status
- 7. Notarized Affidavit indicating (CCDF Form)
  - a. Parent is single
  - b. Child Support Statement
- 8. Status: CW1, EAD, Notice of Completed Biometrics documentation (if applicable)

Child/Children Household member:

- 1. A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA))
- 2. A copy of US Passport
- 3. A copy of Social Security Card

| Family Size | Income Level   |
|-------------|--|
| 1           | \$931.00   |
| 2           | \$1261.00  |
| 3           | \$1591.00  |
| 4           | \$1921.00  |
| 5           | \$2251.00  |
| 6           | \$2581.00  |
| 7           | \$2911.00  |
| 8           | For families with more than 7 persons, add \$330.00 to each additional family member |

Approved for distribution: /s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao  
DCCA Secretary

Date: January 15, 2013

Funding from the Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families



# Send-off ceremony set for deploying CNMI soldiers

A send-off ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 1, Friday, at 10am soldiers from the CNMI who are deploying with the 1-294th Infantry Regiment and F Company, 29th Brigade Support Battalion, of the Guam Army National

Guard. The ceremony will be held at the Fiesta Resort Hibiscus Hall in Garapan.

There are 17 men and women from the CNMI who will be deploying as part of the 600 soldiers belonging to the battalion.

The battalion is slated to depart Guam for Camp Shelby, MS, their mobilization training site in early March. They will continue to train there for about two months before proceeding to Afghanistan to conduct their mission in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom.

The battalion soldiers are also scheduled to go on active duty training status beginning in early February, where they will wrap up pre-mobilization training in Guam.

The unit received a "Notification of Sourcing" on April 2011 and was told to prepare for a possible deployment to Afghanistan in 2013. Last April, the battalion received an official "Alert Order," which allowed the unit to ramp up

training for possible deployment.

The activation of the 1-294th Infantry Regiment can be considered as the largest group of reserve component troops to be mobilized and deployed from Guam. (PR)

## Joeten Foundation donates to San Vicente's Young Farmers Club

The Joeten Charitable Foundation, with support from Joeten Motors Co. and Joeten Ace Hardware, has generously donated \$5,000 to the Young Farmers Club of San Vicente Elementary School.

Foundation president Frances T. Demapan, together with Joeten Ace Hardware president Priscilla Tenorio and Susupe

store manager Doug Hanson, presented the check on Jan. 18, 2013, to Young Farmer's Club director and school librarian Richard Gramlich at San Vicente Elementary School.

Famous for being the first of its kind on island, the Young Farmers Club has grown and sold tomatoes, lettuce, corn, okra,



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Pictured along with San Vicente Elementary students and participants in the Young Farmers Club, from left to right: Joeten Charitable Foundation president Frances T. Demapan; PSS Deputy Commissioner Jackie Quitagua; San Vicente librarian and director of the Young Farmers Club, Richard Gramlich; Joeten Ace Hardware Susupe store manager Doug Hanson; Joeten Charitable Foundation project manager Somia T. Quan; and Joeten Ace Hardware president Priscilla Tenorio.

cucumbers, watermelon, pumpkins, and peppers using hydroponics for the last five years. In the 2012 PSS Science Fair, YFC members earned two first-place

and one second-place finishes respectively. Two years ago, two YFC students won a second-place finish for the Life Science Division and a first-place finish


in Inventions/Technology at a Guam Science Fair Competition. Using proceeds from their fruit and potted plant sales, the Young Farmers Club was able to

contribute a little over \$3,000 to the Leroy Camacho Scholarship Fund, which is available to all San Vicente School alumni after high school graduation.

Due to the lack of government funding, planting and gardening activities halted at the end of last school year. "It was about in May of last year that we had to stop our operations because we could not afford to pay the staff and purchase the necessary supplies," Gramlich said. "It was very exciting news when we heard the Joeten Charitable Foundation was going to donate to the YFC, especially since the weeds in the hydroponic garden have gotten a bit out of control."

"The Young Farmers Club is a model organization in terms of what the Joeten Charitable Foundation looks to promote," Demapan said. "Joeten Motors and Ace Hardware wanted to help support this donation because the YFC instills the spirit of entrepreneurship at an early age. These students researched the competition, did their own pricing, selling, and accounting. The hope is that eventually the YFC can sustain itself year after year."

"In addition, it is much more than just a school garden; this program teaches children to take care of their health by eating healthy, and protecting their environment by learning how to compost, and promoting local organic food. They become more self-reliant by growing and consuming their own fruits and vegetables," Demapan added. "In this sense, the YFC teaches them to be more confident of themselves, to perform better in school, and ultimately develops a healthier future for these children." (PR)



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Judiciary**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**FAMILY COURT MANAGER**  
On the island of Saipan

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will be responsible for planning, managing, administering, coordinating, and implementing operations and activities of specific programs within the Family Court Division. He or she will function as program liaison of the family court, to the community and to the ancillary programs.

The Family Court Manager will supervise the performance of the administrative staff and assist the Superior Court in securing funds and other resources necessary for the effective operation of the Family Court Division. He or she will prepare various types of administrative reports and correspondence on Family Court Division assignments/projects and program activities and assist in preparing the annual budget of the Family Court Division.

The Family Court Manager will work under the direct supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court. **QUALIFICATIONS:** The Family Court Manager should have a Bachelors of Science or Bachelors of Arts Degree from an accredited institution, plus a minimum of three (3) years of professional and managerial experience involving the implementation, coordination, and supervision of program activities with demonstrated professionalism maintaining confidential records and statistics.

**COMPENSATION:** This is an ungraded position appointed and served at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court. Annual salary will be: \$40,000-45,000.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the Office of Personnel Management in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/limwal Aweewe / House of Justice in Susupe or at the Superior Court Office on Tinian and Rota. Completed application, cover letter, resume with references, police clearance, and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI should be submitted to:  
Human Resource / Administrative Officer  
Guma Hustisia/limwal Aweewe/House of Justice  
P.O. Box 502165, Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel. (670) 236-9716 Fax. (670) 236-9702

This job announcement will remain open until February 1st, 2013. A job application and the full edition of the Family Court Manager's Job Vacancy Announcement are available at the CNMI Judiciary's web site: <http://www.justice.gov.mp/>.

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**Kanoa Resort**  
Saipan

**(1) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT (RUSSIAN MARKET)**

Our Resort is looking for a candidate with previous Front Desk or Hotel Administration experience who is results driven and customer focused. He/she will take an active role within the Front Office and perform tasks in accordance with the Resort's business objectives.

As Guest Relations Agent, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:


- Greeting, registering and assigning rooms to guests and checking out guests
- Keeping records of room assignments and updating other registration information on computers.
- Communicating with Russian guests other Departments regarding guest issues and requests
- Implementing high service quality to exceed guests' expectations
- Dealing with guest inquiries and service related issues

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum Education: High school graduate
- Minimum Experience: Two years of experience in a related field/similar role or in a high volume hospitality environment at as a Front Desk or Guest Relations Staff
- Ability to speak and write in Russian
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must
- Team player

Interested applicants may send their applications to [hr@kanoaresort.com](mailto:hr@kanoaresort.com). Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our Resort. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than February 04, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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**[1] EXECUTIVE CHEF (CHINESE CUISINE)**

Our Resort is looking for a professional candidate with a solid Executive Chef and Chinese Cuisine experience who will help develop and implement the strategic direction of the Resort's Chinese food offering through product and menu development and by supporting the kitchen teams and monitoring and reviewing product consistency and quality at all times.

As the Chinese Cuisine Executive Chef, the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Collaborating with higher management and other Chefs to develop and plan menu requirements, serving arrangements and other related details
- Enforcing and following compliance procedures for sanitation & cleanliness and monitoring workstations & staff for adherence to those procedures.
- Providing training to strengthen his/her team's current performance and monitoring cooks and chefs for proper skills and service
- Maintaining food cost at reasonable levels without affecting quality and standards

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum Education: Vocational School or Associate's Degree graduate or equivalent years of relevant experience
- Minimum Experience: Five years of experience cooking and preparing Chinese food in a high-volume food service facility or in a high volume hospitality environment and at least three years in an Executive Chef or similar role.
- Excellent cooking skills and extensive knowledge of Chinese Cuisine and food handling procedures with regard to public health standards
- Demonstrated aptitude for the financial aspects of food operation, including the successful identification of expense reduction through cost control
- Ability to speak English clearly, distinctly and cordially with guests
- Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must
- Team player

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## 'No state funeral for cop who killed self after shooting girlfriend'

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Josef Deleon Guerrero, a police officer who shot his girlfriend before fatally shooting himself, was not afforded a state funeral on Saturday, according to Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero, the newly nominated commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

"We cannot authorize a state

funeral in that respect because of not only the circumstances, but he was not killed in the line of duty," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said Josef Deleon Guerrero was accorded a regular DPS escort service because he was a DPS employee.

A person who attended the funeral confirmed that there was

no state funeral and that the uniformed police officers were there for the regular escort services.

The 24-year-old police officer died when he reportedly shot himself on the head after shooting his girlfriend near a bar along Beach Road, Garapan last Jan. 13. The girlfriend survived with a gunshot wound on the right shoulder.

Acting commissioner Deleon Guerrero said people always have trouble differentiating a state funeral and a regular DPS escort service.

He stressed that a person cannot get the full honors of a state funeral unless he or she is killed in the line of duty.

"That's the only circumstance that is authorized," he added.

The acting commissioner said a lot of these DPS services were authorized by his predecessors before his tenure. "I would have probably put a stop to it if I had the opportunity to do so," he added.

One of the key problems, he said, is the absence of policy with respect to who actually gets a DPS escort service and who does not.

"That is something that I will be reviewing with the le-

gal counsel," he said, adding that their legal counsel was on training the entire past week so he was not able to sit down and discuss the issue.

"There's no policy that says who should get it and who should not get it," he said.

Deleon Guerrero assured that he will review the DPS practice and will make sure that a policy is in place as to the appropriate circumstance by which service of that nature will be rendered.

## Sebelius' chief of staff visits public hospital

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

A ranking executive from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is on island to check out the Commonwealth Health Center, which certification is up for review next month by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that Sally Howard, the chief of staff of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, was given a tour of the hospital yesterday afternoon. The visit, he said, was initiated by HHS in an effort to get a first-hand look at the hospital's situation.

Accompanying Howard in the tour yesterday were officials and representatives of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs headed by acting deputy assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck and OIA Director Nik Pula. The group was also joined by local health officials.

Prior to meeting corporation officials, the group met yesterday morning with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos.

Howard will be on island until Wednesday and is scheduled to meet with the local health officials.

Babauta said the visit also serves as a follow-up to the early visits conducted by OIA officials last year.

Howard's group toured all hospital units and departments and were shown the progress and corrective actions made to address the deficiencies cited by Medicare.

Babauta believes that the visitors were impressed by the amount of progress made since the OIA's visit last year.

He said the corporation appreciates the HHS secretary's efforts to "know and learn about CHC," marking it as an indication of the agency's commitment to help CHC.

Howard has served as chief of staff for HHS since April 2011. Prior to this appointment, she served as acting general counsel and deputy general counsel in the HHS Office of General Counsel. Howard also served as chief counsel to the Office of Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson and former governor Sebelius. Prior to her service in government, Howard was in private practice for 10 years.

## US govt moves to dismiss 2 charges vs Weindl

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

On the day a jury trial was supposed to start in the case of former Whispering Palms School principal Thomas Weindl, the U.S. government moved to dismiss two of the four charges filed against him.

The jury selection did not push through yesterday after U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Ramona V. Manglona heard several motions filed by both parties.

Manglona directed prospective jurors to return today, Tuesday, at 2pm.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami

S. Badawy yesterday moved to dismiss, without prejudice, counts 1 and 2 of the indictment.

Count 1 charged Weindl with receipt of child pornography, while count 2 charged him with access with intent to view child pornography.

The remaining two other counts contained the same charges.

Badawy said the U.S. government filed the motion to dismiss because, after a review of its evidence and some recent filings, it has concluded that it is unlikely to prove its case on counts 1 and 2.

"The United States would submit that his motivation dem-

onstrates a good-faith concern with fairness and conservation of judicial and prosecutorial resources," Badawy said.

Badawy asserted that Weindl cannot be prejudiced by the dismissal of the two counts.

"Should defendant be re-indicted for the same offenses, he will have ample opportunity to assert a claim of prejudice arising from such dismissal. Until such time, though, a claim of prejudice is simply not ripe for determination," the prosecutor said.

In support of Weindl's motion filed on Sunday, his lawyer, David Banes, filed a declaration by Ron Smith, a computer pro-

grammer and website designer.

Smith stated that, at Weindl's request, he went to the FBI laboratory and reviewed and analyzed the E-blaster reports that are the evidence in this case. E-blaster is a computer and Internet monitoring software program.

Smith concluded that, based on his analysis, the vast majority of the websites that were accessed by clicking on the links in those reports led to aggregator sites or user content sites.

"On such sites the content may change at any time. Therefore any screen shot of such websites even one day later from when the reports were generated may have a different content than when the sites were originally accessed,"

he pointed out.

The prosecution alleged that, as shown in the E-blaster reports, Weindl searched for and accessed almost 200 websites containing images of child pornography. The prosecution said Weindl also searched for images depicting the violent sexual abuse of children.

In court papers, Banes said a doctor will testify to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that many of the images in the government's exhibits are not of minors.

Banes also asserted that images on many of the government's exhibits are not child pornography, while other exhibits do not contain images at all.

## DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

**Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2013**

**Time: 8:00am to 5:00pm**

**Location: Hibiscus Hall, Fiesta Resort**



### Who should attend?

This workshop is open to the public and targets fishermen and fisherwomen, state federal and non-governmental individuals engaged in protecting or are interested in learning about the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

### Conference Objectives

- Address historical establishments of MPAs in the CNMI.
- Discuss MPA benefits and tradeoffs.
- Explore means of federal assistance.
- Discuss MPA Enforcement and Challenges.
- Discuss upcoming MPA related projects.

For more information, and to register for the workshop please contact Mr. Frank Villagomez of the Division of Fish and Wildlife at telephone number 664-6044 or by e-mail at [fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com](mailto:fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com).

This advertisement is paid for by a NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries grant administered by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.



# Teachers prepare for Jr. High Mock Trial

Four classroom teachers recently completed a training workshop at the Guma Hustisia in preparation for the upcoming Junior High Mock Trial Program.

This program is sponsored annually by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to foster knowledge about the law and the legal process in a fun, non-competitive format.

The workshop, facilitated by Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, introduced new teacher-coaches to the mock trial program and to basic courtroom procedures.

Workshop participants included Chellette San Nicolas, Tinian Junior High School; Joel Jimenez, Chacha Ocean View Junior High School; Donald Manglona, Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior High School; and Ron Hodges, Hopwood Junior High School.

Teams from these four schools will join teams from Mt. Carmel School, Whispering Palms School, Grace Christian



From left, Joel Jimenez, Donald Manglona, Associate Judge Joseph Camacho, Chellette San Nicolas, assistant attorney general Cinta Kaipat, and Ron Hodges.

Academy (Rota), and Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja (Rota) at a final mock trial event to be held at Guma Hustisia on April 13, 2013.

Camacho, who has served as the junior high mock trial judge since the program's inception in 2006, invited the public to

"come and enjoy this wonderful program."

Teacher-coach Jimenez said that this was Chacha's first time to participate in the program. "It is very exciting for us and hopefully we'll continue the tradition."

This sentiment was repeated by Tinian's San Nicolas. "I know the

kids can't wait. It will be a great way for them to see how the law really affects their lives."

The mock trial program is one of several Council-sponsored programs that introduce the humanities to CNMI students in a variety of enjoyable formats. **(Humanities Council)**

## Deadline for Head Start staffing requirement due this year

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REPORTER

The Public School System expressed optimism that the federal rule that requires at least half of Head Start program teachers to have bachelor's degrees in early childhood education or related fields by the end of 2013 will be met.

Head Start program director Melissa Palacios noted that program staff are committed to meet the federal requirement to have bachelor's degrees by the end of this year.

At present, the Head Start program has 32 classroom teachers, one of whom recently obtained an ECE degree. Four other instruc-

tors, Palacios said, are completing their student teaching requirement to obtain their ECE degrees in May this year.

The rest of the teaching staff either already possess a bachelor degree in elementary education or associate degree in liberal arts, which are both considered "related fields." Many teachers, she said, are continuing their efforts to get a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Head Start is a federally funded program that accommodates 462 enrollees every year. Eligible children are ages 3 to 5 years old.

The program will undergo a full review by a federal team this year to determine its effectiveness in the CNMI. Failure to satisfy

the requirements of the federal government could result in the program being opened to other groups and agencies to operate.

Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* that the program has been ready for evaluation and assessment since October. She welcomed the full review and believes that the program has a great team, and constantly receives great support from both stakeholders and community members.

"I cannot be too confident [on this full review] because I know there's no perfect program. But I can say we have a great team, and we receive great support from PSS, [the Board of Education], and our community partners," she said.

Palacios said the program has also been meeting requirements such as maintaining a wait-list and must have 10 percent disability enrollment every year. For school year 2013, the director said there are over a hundred children waiting for be accommodated in the program.

Head Start promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. The Office of Head Start, within the Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services awards grants to provide comprehensive services to specific communities such as the CNMI.

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### KHS half-day schedule tomorrow

Kagman High School will have a half-day schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, and Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, for the 2nd quarter final examinations. Students will be released at 1pm after lunch. Report card day is set for Feb. 7, 2013, regular school session and no half-day, dismissal at 3pm. Report cards will be sent home with the student(s). Please ask your child for his or her report card on this day. For more information, call KHS main office at 664-3780. **(PR)**

#### Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, from 8am to 4pm. The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on

Jan. 29-30, from 9am to 5pm. The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. **(PR)**

#### MHS class of '83 general meeting on Feb. 5

The Marianas High School class of 1983 will hold its general meeting on Feb. 5, 2013, 7pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion on the Civic

Center Beach in Susupe. **(PR)**

#### Search on for 'Couple Married Longest'

The CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community is joining other Marriage Encounter groups around the United States in searching for the "Couple Married Longest in the CNMI." The Couple Married Longest search is being conducted in preparation for honoring World Marriage Day on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013. If you have been married for over 50 years, or if you know of friends or relatives who have been, and both spouses are still living, email their names, phone numbers and wedding date to [cnmiwmd@yahoo.com](mailto:cnmiwmd@yahoo.com). The deadline for all entries is Jan. 31, 2013. The winning couple will be honored with a WWME World Marriage Day Certificate at one of the selected World Marriage Day Masses. **(PR)**

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jan. 29, 1999

#### CPA considers cut in pay and benefits

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board is looking at the possibility of reducing the salaries and benefits of employees as a way to cut down on expenditures of the cash-strapped agency. "We are studying everything that would benefit everybody and still maintain the present number of employees," according to Roman Tudela, chairman of the finance committee. Almost 60 percent of the \$11 million budget for fiscal year 1999 goes to salaries and wages of the ports authority. Saddled with a \$53 million debt, the ports authority is seeking an increase in airport fees so that it can pay for its financial obligation.

#### Costs on FAS migration being studied

The administration is preparing a study on the impact of the growing presence of the citizens from the Freely Associated States in the Northern Marianas whose uncontrolled migration has strained the islands' resources and infrastructure. According to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, the cost impact analysis is being prepared by various government agencies to account how much of the local funds is spent for hosting Micronesians in light of shrinking revenues. The financially-troubled commonwealth has been seeking reimbursement from Washington for money spent in accommodating FAS citizens, who are allowed unrestricted entry into the United States and its territories, including Guam and CNMI.

Jan. 29, 2001

#### Govt eyes scuba diving fee

The government will generate additional revenues to finance marine researches and restoration of sea life sanctuaries once the proposed collection of scuba diving fee is implemented. Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan introduced the legislative proposal which stipulated that commercial and recreational scuba diving should be regulated to minimize the adverse impact on the marine ecosystem of the Northern Marianas. Mr. Pangelinan said the Division of Fish and Wildlife should be authorized to establish a scuba diving license fee for all scuba divers amounting to \$10.00 a year.

#### Autism: Unseen problem in the CNMI

The Commonwealth lacks the necessary resources to identify the exact number of children who might be needing medical and educational assistance as problem on autism slowly alerts the community. Autism is a well-known disorder in the medical field but the Commonwealth is yet to exhaust effort to identify the problem and to get the necessary programs in place to help children with Neurological Spectrum Disorder. Autism is a broad medical subject described as the inability of a child to communicate verbally or the most common perceived symptom—speech development. To explore carefully the aspects and concerns on autism, the Parents Association for Children with Autism together with medical experts held a symposium Saturday at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Jan. 29, 2002

#### EPA, CUC to craft ways to improve NMI water system

Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency are set to meet with Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executives tomorrow to frame strategies for an upcoming study on the CNMI's plans to improve its water system. The federally-funded study, to be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will review the plans developed by the CNMI to improve its water infrastructure. It will also look into hydrological and geological problems, as well as operational scenarios that would paint an accurate picture of the water situation in the CNMI. Once the review is done, the Corps of Engineers will be required to prepare a report and transmit it to the U.S. Congress, to be used as a basis for any future assistance that the United States may extend to the CNMI to improve its water system.

#### Torres touts better campaign on USDA home loan program

In a bid to highlight homeownership opportunities for low- and middle-income families, Rep. William S. Torres urged the mayors of Rota and Tinian to inform their constituents about the home loan program being offered by the US Department of Agriculture. In a letter to Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona and Tinian Mayor Francisco M. Borja, Torres said the USDA Section 502 home loan program for the underserved population has existed over the years but it has not been fully taken advantage of. Last year, the USDA made available over \$900,000 for the underserved population in the Western Pacific, Torres said. In contrast, the CNMI, particularly Tinian and Rota, was only able to spend close to \$300,000, he added.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Belated happy first birthday to Taizo Jude Perez Kaneshi! Love and kisses from Mom and Dad.

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Belated happy 14th birthday to Deion Xavier, who celebrated his special day on Jan. 27! We hope you had a joyous and wonderful day. We love you! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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Happy birthday to our sister and yaya, Ruthian Limes Olopai! May God bless you on your special day today and may your wishes come true! Much love from KaiLin and your siblings.

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# Chamber's Installation Dinner



U.S. Naval Forces Marianas and Joint Region Marianas Rear Adm. Tilghman D. Payne addresses members and guests of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during the swearing in of the 2013 Chamber board of directors at Aqua Resort Club on Saturday night. Looking on, foreground right, is House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan).

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RJ Corp. general manager Marcia E. Ayuyu, left, accepts her 2012 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year award which she shares with Saipan Sea Ventures Inc. chief executive officer Anthony Pellegrino, right. Presenting the award is 2011 awardee, James Arenovski of Delta Management, center.

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and guests applaud.

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Incoming Saipan Chamber of Commerce officers and board of directors members share a light moment with Associate Judge David Wiseman, right, shortly before the judge swore them into office.

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Associate Judge David Wiseman, right, swears in the 2013 Saipan Chamber of Commerce officers and directors on Saturday night. It was Wiseman's twelfth time to swear in Chamber officers.

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce board director Greg Moretti, center, signs a document shortly after taking the oath of office while fellow newly sworn in director Rosemond Santos, left, and secretary Nola Hix, second from left, wait for their turn to sign. Also in the photo are Associate Judge David Wiseman, second from right, and Chamber executive director Richard Pierce, right.

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Newly installed Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan of Tan Holdings Corp. delivers his address.

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Outgoing Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan of Microl Corp. addresses the crowd.

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2005 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year awardee David M. Sablan Sr., right, of Century Insurance, gestures as he delivers a joke while Chamber executive director Richard Pierce, left, looks on. Pierce and Sablan served as masters of ceremonies.

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce board director Velma Palacios, standing second from left, poses with some members of the IT&E family, including former Chamber employee and now Board of Education member Janice Tenorio, standing third from left.

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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Band of brothers and sisters

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Friday, Jan. 25:

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta's decision to rescind restrictions on women in combat is being compared to President Harry Truman's order to end racial segregation in the armed services (which took years to implement) and Congress' vote in 2010 to end the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that allowed for the expulsion of openly gay service members. But in some ways Panetta's decision is even more significant than those earlier actions.

Although regulations excluding women from ground combat units date back only to 1994, the practice long predates those rules and reflects notions about differences between the sexes that until recently were almost universally held across a variety of cultures. Panetta's decision would have been inconceivable had it not been for the larger emancipation women have achieved in the civilian workplace, in access to education and in their personal lives.

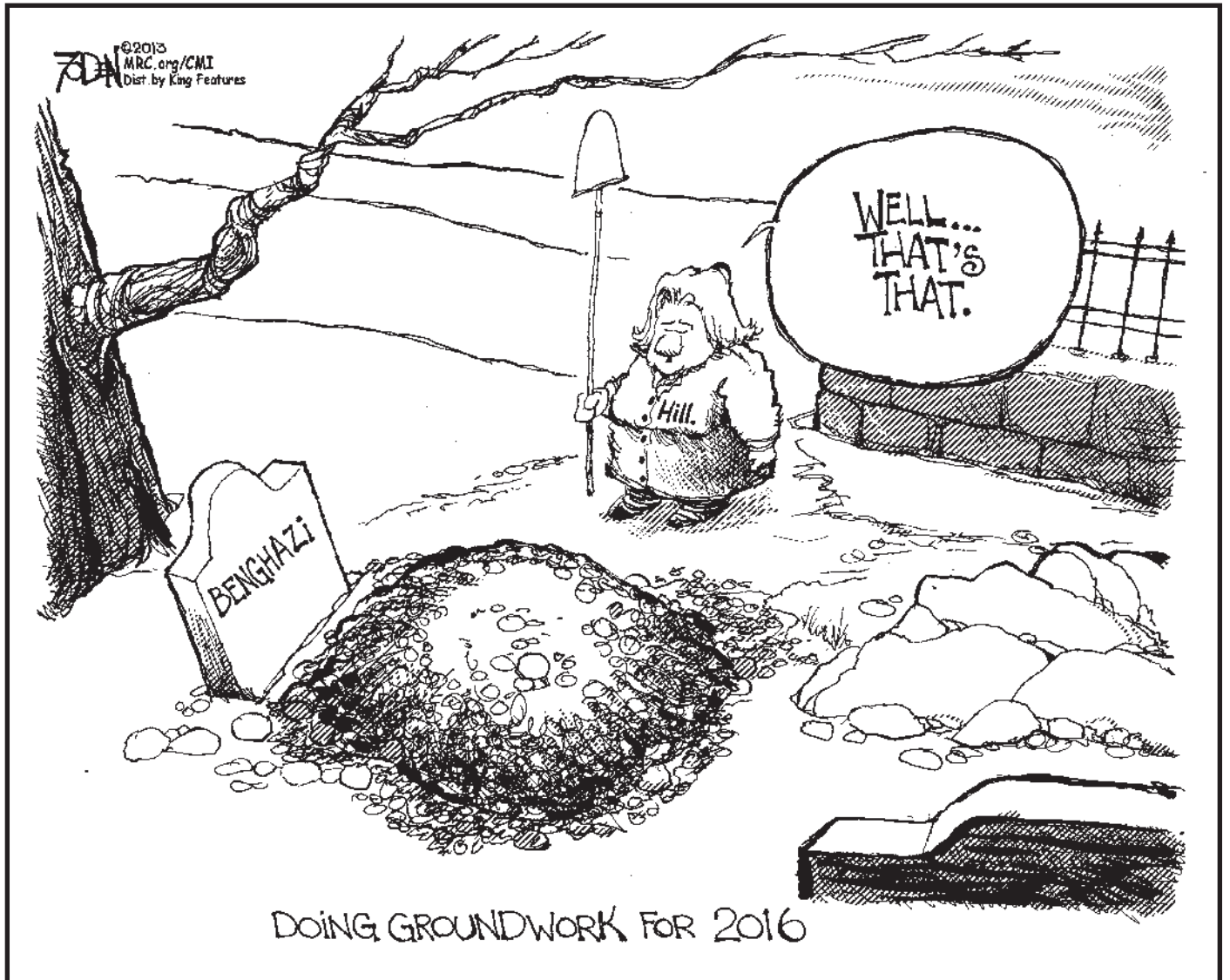
It also reflects changes that already have occurred in the military. Politicians routinely refer to the "brave men and women in our armed forces," and for good reason. As Panetta pointed out in announcing the new policy, women now account for 15 percent of service members. During the last decade, 61 female service members were killed in action in Iraq and 23 were killed by the enemy in Afghanistan. To a great extent, the idea that women have not been involved in combat operations has been a legal fiction. At the same time, the fact that women have been "attached to" or "co-located with" combat units rather than officially assigned to them has made it harder to achieve promotions.

The new policy has its critics. Some worry that the Pentagon is purporting to repeal biology by ignoring the fact that, in general, men are physically stronger than women. But Panetta indicated that there will be no weakening of physical requirements for strenuous assignments. It may be that some "gender-neutral" physical qualifications will disproportionately exclude women; that is no reason to discriminate against those who can meet the standard.

Other arguments against women in combat are rooted in psychology, such as the notion that the presence of women would undermine "unit cohesion" (the same argument was made about openly gay soldiers) or former Sen. Rick Santorum's suggestion that chivalrous male comrades would neglect their mission because of "the natural instinct to protect someone that's a female."

The best refutation of those arguments is the experience of men and women who have served together in Iraq and Afghanistan, a band of brothers and sisters that made Panetta's action both possible and necessary.

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## Want to fight terrorism? Educate women

The jihadists stoning women to death in Mali and taking hostages in Algeria are harbingers of much worse to come. Osama bin Laden may be dead, but al-Qaida in Africa now threatens an area twice the size of Germany.

Mali is just one country in the Sahel, a million square miles of arid and semi-arid countryside stretching from the Atlantic to the Red Sea. The region has always been subject to episodes of starvation and brutal tribal conflicts, and things are now deteriorating further.

Many of the region's problems today can be traced back 20 years, to a decision by the United Nations and other international organizations to shift their focus away from family planning, which we know to be an extremely effective way to empower women and stretch scarce resources.

Since then, a variety of agencies have proclaimed their commitment to women's rights, but nothing concrete has been done to change the atrocious treatment of women in places like the Sahel. Girls as young as 10 are married to 40-year-old polygamous men. The obscenity of female genital mutilation is widespread. Women do much of the work, often walking 10 miles a day to collect water. Most are illiterate: In Niger, for example, only one girl in 1,000 completes secondary school.

Twenty years ago in Mali there were 6 million people. Today, there are 16 million, and that number is expected to grow to more than 35 million by 2050. Could that be one reason al-Qaida now controls half the country? The 9/11 Commission investigating the al-Qaida attacks on America 12 years ago called a rapidly increasing population of young men without any reasonable expectation of employment "a sure prescription for social turbulence."

The population of the Sahel as a whole will have increased more than tenfold in a single century, from 31 million people in 1950 to 340 million by 2050. Even with good governance (which the Sahel lacks), it is impossible to provide educational and employment opportunities for populations growing at this rate. As the 9/11 Commission report foresaw, social turbulence in the Sahel is turning into whirlwind of violence.

On top of this already daunting catalog of problems, climatologists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory project that temperatures in the Sahel will rise by an additional 7 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit by 2050. Crops will wither and livestock will die even as the population continues its rise. The crisis unfolding in the Sahel could become a cataclysm affecting 200 million people.

Without radical new policies, we can be certain that there will be more conflicts, more failed states and more easy pickings for Islamic fundamentalists. The only genuine path to peace in the Sahel is by investing in women. It will be a long, difficult process, but it is not

By MALCOLM POTTS  
Los Angeles Times

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impossible if we start today and on a realistic scale. As a result of the failure to invest in family planning for 20 years, only 8 percent of women in Mali use contraception.

It doesn't have to be that way. The Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability at UC Berkeley has been working with Nigerian colleagues in a group of villages near the northern border with Niger. We found that the average girl there was married at 14 and had given birth to two children by age 18. Almost none entered secondary school, much less completed it. In a tiny but highly successful project, working closely with communities, we were able to keep 205 out of 230 girls in secondary school. Only three of those who remained in school married before graduating, and only one had a child. The cost of the program was less than \$40 per girl annually.

It will take 20 years and billions of dollars to bring projects such as this to scale, but there is no other plausible way to bring stability to the region.

The U.S. military has spent \$620 million training local armies in counter-terrorism tactics in the Sahel. But that money hasn't bought the loyalty of testosterone-filled, volatile young men. The \$620 million is actually proving counterproductive, as some of those who were trained used their new skills to overthrow their own government, while others built links with the hostage-takers in Algeria. The \$620 million would have been better spent helping to give women the autonomy to decide when to marry and when to have children.

As a nation we spend almost \$2 billion a day on defense. According to economist Joseph Stiglitz, the Afghan and Iraq wars will cost us a mind-boggling \$3 trillion. And both wars have so far failed to create stable countries. One reason may be that both Afghanistan and Iraq are high-fertility, patriarchal societies, and our intervention did almost nothing to help women.

It's not that we don't need an army, and boots on the ground may sometimes be necessary. But the war or terror will continue to fail unless we convert a few days' military expenditure into investing in girls' education and family planning in the Sahel and elsewhere.



# 65 years after his passing, we all need to remember Gandhi’s message

By **AMITABH PAL**  
THE PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

Sixty-five years ago on Jan. 30, three bullets ended the life of the greatest pacifist of the modern era: Mohandas Karamchand “Mahatma” Gandhi. But his message lives on, and people around the world urgently need to heed it. The first people who should do so are those from the subcontinent where Gandhi lived. Clashes between India and Pakistan over the past month have killed a number of soldiers (including an Indian service member reportedly beheaded), raising temperatures in the region. In his final months, Gandhi expended a lot of effort to foster peace between the two countries. When he was killed, he was planning to go to Pakistan to reconcile the new nations. He went so far as to say that he wanted to live both in India and Pakistan, and both were his homelands. What makes an India-Pakistan confrontation scary is the nuclear arsenals they have openly possessed since 1998. Gandhi was horrified by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and warned, “Unless now the world adopts nonviolence, it will spell certain suicide for humanity.” All nuclear-armed nations (including the United States) would do well to abide by his message. Gandhi’s interpretation of Islam is also relevant today for those

## Livestrong’s about cancer, not about Lance

By **LINDA P. CAMPBELL**  
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

I’m still wearing my Livestrong bracelet. And I wonder whether I should be embarrassed. I took up wearing the yellow silicone band not long after they first appeared in 2004 for \$1 at sporting goods checkout counters. But it wasn’t because they were a way to celebrate cyclist Lance Armstrong’s Tour de France tour de force: winning sport’s most grueling challenge after almost dying from cancer. And I don’t keep it on my left wrist now to support him in his self-inflicted disgrace: coming clean about performance-enhancing drugs after years of vehement denial. No, I’ve worn it these many years because two of the finest women I’ve ever known had cancer. They only took powerful drugs to try to cheat that despicable disease, not for personal glory and riches. This symbol so significant to me is intertwined with Armstrong, and I wish it weren’t. But I wonder if that’s part of the Lance mythology: Now that he who was hoisted upon the pedestal has fallen off, everything associated with him must be damned so the rest of us feel less guilty about having been willingly duped. When my dear friend Karen Potter was diagnosed with bone cancer in 2000, I read Armstrong’s new book, “It’s Not About the

extremist groups that have distorted their religion’s teachings. “My reading of the Quran has convinced me that the basis of Islam is not violence, but is unadulterated peace,” Gandhi said. “It regards forbearance as superior to vengeance. The very word ‘Islam’ means peace, which is nonviolence.” Gandhi knew what he was talking about. He had studied the religion and its early history closely, and often cited Islam’s prophet, Muhammad, and his martyred grandsons, Hasan and Hussein, as inspirations. Gandhi, incidentally, was assassinated by a Hindu nationalist for supposedly being too pro-Muslim. Gandhi had astute insights for followers of other religions, too. He appreciated Christianity, especially its teachings about helping the poor and turning the other cheek. “I saw that the Sermon on the Mount was the whole of Christianity for one who wanted to live a Christian life,” he said. “It is that sermon that has endeared Jesus to me.” But he also cautioned that, while Christians say they give all glory to God and believe in peace on Earth, “there seems to be neither glory to God or peace on Earth” at the moment. And he had words of wisdom for the most powerful country on the planet. “Your land is owned by a few capitalist owners,” Gandhi said to an American. “These large holdings cannot be sustained except by

Bike,” and sent her a copy—along with a yellow jersey signed by many of her Fort Worth Star-Telegram friends and former co-workers—for inspiration. He (or co-author Sally Jenkins) wrote about cancer being like getting run off the road by a truck: “A blast of hot air hits you, you taste the acrid, oily exhaust in the roof of your mouth, and all you can do is wave a fist at the disappearing taillights.” He wrote about learning he had testicular cancer in 1996 at age 25 and believing it would derail his career, detour his Porsche-driving lifestyle and deprive him of his identity. But he also wrote about the long, painful struggle through brain surgery and treatment and recovery. Three years after the worst day of his life, he won cycling’s best-known race. Now, it appears, he used more than cancer drugs to help his performance. But back then, his story was one of hope and perseverance. And when Armstrong’s foundation, which he formed in 1997, made it easy to sport yellow wristbands and buy Livestrong Nike clothes with some proceeds going to help people with cancer, that seemed like a worthy cause. Then my sister Susan was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008, so I wore my yellow band for her, as though I could somehow will her to stay with us. I couldn’t, of course. Now that Armstrong has confessed to Oprah, and the image of

violence, veiled if not open. ... Your wars will never ensure safety for democracy.” Till his final breath, Gandhi was unwavering in his belief in the power of pacifism. “During my half-century of experience, I have not yet come across a situation when I had to say that I was helpless, that I had no remedy in terms of nonviolence,” he remarked toward the end of his life. This was matched by a deep faith in the capacities of ordinary people. “All mankind in essence are alike,” Gandhi remarked. “What is, therefore, possible for me is possible for everyone.” And he urged us all to take care of those less fortunate than us. “Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him,” he said. Gandhi’s wise advice and profound commitments should guide us still, even six and a half decades after this remarkable man died. We honor him and ourselves by following his path.

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the Livestrong Foundation is part of the fallout, some people would chuck the Livestrong wristbands along with the man himself. But I’m not convinced. I can grasp how it might take a relentlessly controlling personality with incredible force of will not only to focus his way through cancer but also to put in the mind-numbing, muscle-exhausting training for a world-class sporting event. Don’t we adulate athletes whose single-mindedness seems superhuman? I can even understand how a win-at-all-costs mentality could perpetuate a meticulously orchestrated doping operation. Isn’t American society replete with examples of elaborate swindles—ambition and greed on steroids, so to speak? But I don’t feel personally cheated. Lance Armstrong might be a fraudulent Tour de France winner, and he owes plenty of people money and, more important, true contrition for damaging their lives. But he did beat cancer. I still believe that part. And I still detest cancer. So I’ll keep wearing my yellow bracelet, until science gives me a reason to not have to any more.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A brief primer on kilowatt vs kilowatt-hour

Kilowatt-hour (kWh) is a measure of energy, while kilowatt (kW) is a measure of power. Energy (kWh) is a measure of how much fuel is contained within something, or used by something over a specific period of time. The kWh is a unit of energy. Power is the rate at which energy is generated or used. The kW is a unit of power. Energy (kWh) is like distance. The amount of energy that you used over a specific period of time is like the distance that you traveled over a specific period of time (e.g., when driving to work you traveled 20 miles between 08:04 and 08:47). Power (kW) is like speed. Your instantaneous power is like your speed at a specific instant in time (e.g., right now). Your average power over a specific period of time is like your average speed over a specific period of time (e.g., when driving to work you traveled at an average speed of 26 mph). The following is the fundamental equation that connects energy (kWh) and power (kW). You might remember it from school: Energy = power \* time We can express this equation in terms of kW, kWh, and hours (h): kWh = kW \* h Where: kWh is the energy kW is the power H is the time in hours You might also remember from school that equations can be rearranged:

Power = energy / time  
Or: kW = kWh / h  
Also:  
1 megawatt = 1,000 kilowatts  
1 kilowatt = 1,000 watts  
For example, to determine how much energy a specific item uses (such as a light bulb), multiply its wattage (say 75 watts – its “power”) times the length of time it is “on.” A 75-watt light bulb operated for six hours will result in a meter reading of .45 kWh (75 \* 6 / 1,000); a 1,500 watt aircon operated for the same six hours results in a meter reading of 9 kWh (1.5 \* 6). The “wattage” of any appliance can usually be found on its label plate or manual. One must also be careful to note that some things use different wattages at different times such as an aircon (when cooling or idle), a computer (when “on” or “asleep”) just as a car does (when speeding or idle). So be sure to look for (or determine) the *average* power (kW) used during any period of time.

**Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.**  
*Winter Haven, FL*

## Legislature’s top priorities

The 18<sup>th</sup> CNMI Legislature has introduced a resolution to begin the impeachment of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. It is sad how this Legislature perceives its priorities for the CNMI. What the CNMI needs is a resolution on how to fix CHC, the Retirement Fund, and CUC. This dilemma should be the Legislature’s priority. Impeachment—what a New Year’s gift! CHC does not have the money to buy equipment, materials, and supplies to treat sick CNMI residents. It does not have the financial capability to hire doctors. This should be the Legislature’s priority and first line of business, not impeachment! CNMI residents are not able to pay their CUC bills. The price of

goods and other household necessities are so high that families would compromise what to buy or pay for. This should be the Legislature’s priority and first order of business, not impeachment! All retirees are wondering what will happen to them when their only source of income comes to an end. The Legislature has not fulfilled its court-mandated obligation to appropriate money to pay the Fund for all of the government’s financial arrears. This should be the Legislature’s priority and first order of business, not impeachment! I am not disputing their initiative to impeach the governor. This could be done when the above-mentioned priorities are solved. The impeachment of Gov. Fitial is not the people’s mandate, as you all have claimed. The people voted you into office so that you can try to resolve all the above problems we now facing. Your impeachment agenda is personal and has nothing to do with the people’s mandate. Your action is nothing more but hate and personal vendetta.

**Sid Kani**  
*As Matuis, Saipan*

## Food for thought

Your readers should be reminded that the islands starting from the island of Guam in the south and connecting all the islands to Maug Island in the north are known as the Mariana Islands. Too often people refer to these islands as the Marianas Islands, which is wrong. These islands were named after the wife of King Philip IV of Spain, Queen Mariana (Maria Anna) of Austria. If one is interested to know more about our beloved icon Queen Mariana, her portrait is at the Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain. This is one history about the Mariana Islands that is rarely known. But then again, this is not the care of the educational system in the Mariana Islands. Just food for thought for your readers, and a pinch to awaken the curiosity of educators in the school system.

**Francisco R. Agulto**  
*Kannat Tabla, Saipan*



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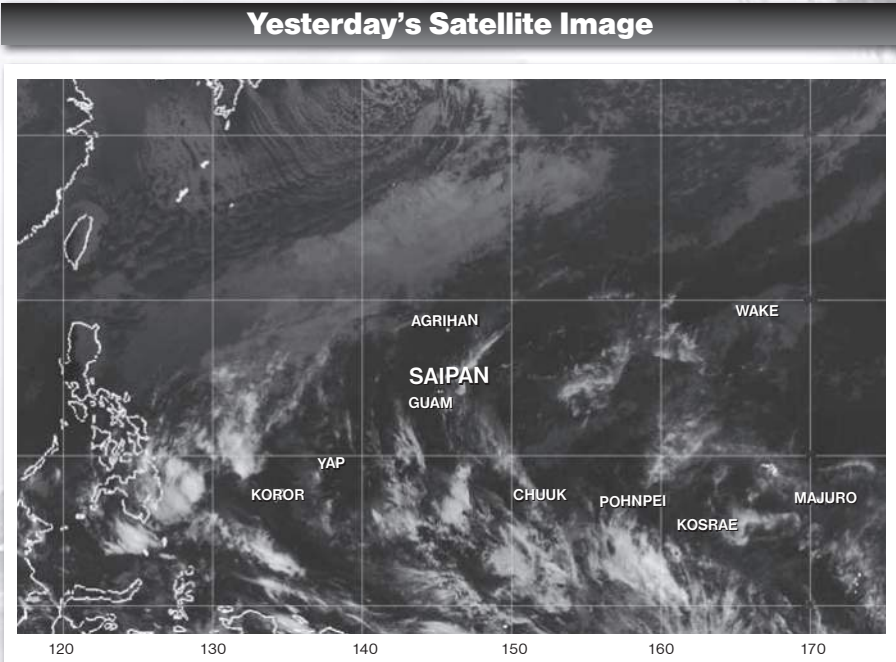
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. |
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| Micronesia    |               |         |
|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Guam and Rota | Windy         | ▲83 ▼76 |
| Palau         | Showers       | ▲85 ▼77 |
| Yap           | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 ▼78 |
| Chuuk         | Partly Cloudy | ▲85 ▼79 |
| Pohnpei       | Cloudy        | ▲85 ▼79 |
| Kosrae        | Cloudy        | ▲85 ▼79 |
| Majuro        | Partly Cloudy | ▲85 ▼80 |

| Around The Globe |               |         |
|------------------|---------------|---------|
| Auckland         | Sunny         | ▲79 ▼64 |
| Beijing          | Sunny         | ▲42 ▼23 |
| Hong Kong        | Partly Cloudy | ▲69 ▼63 |
| Honolulu         | Showers       | ▲77 ▼66 |
| London           | Showers       | ▲55 ▼51 |
| Los Angeles      | Sunny         | ▲61 ▼43 |
| Manila           | Partly Cloudy | ▲84 ▼75 |
| Melbourne        | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 ▼52 |
| Miami            | Mostly Sunny  | ▲80 ▼68 |
| New York         | Ice           | ▲36 ▼34 |
| Osaka            | Partly Cloudy | ▲49 ▼38 |
| Paris            | Showers       | ▲51 ▼50 |
| Pusan            | Mostly Sunny  | ▲50 ▼40 |
| Rome             | Mostly Sunny  | ▲56 ▼39 |
| Salem            | Showers       | ▲44 ▼39 |
| San Francisco    | Mostly Sunny  | ▲57 ▼43 |
| Seoul            | Partly Cloudy | ▲43 ▼34 |
| Tokyo            | Sunny         | ▲50 ▼34 |
| Washington, DC   | Frozen Rain   | ▲43 ▼38 |

| Tides         |       |            |          |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| Saipan Harbor |       |            |          |
| 3:01 AM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.1 Feet |
| 9:37 AM       | Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |
| 3:32 PM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.9 Feet |
| 8:43 PM       | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The leading edge of a frontal zone runs southwestward from 25N150E to near 15N130E. Extensive cloudiness and patchy rain are observed up to 500 miles north of this line. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Koror and just south of this area are occurring from 9N to 15N between 130E and 134E. A weak shear line with mostly patchy clouds and a few showers is found from near Wake Island to south of the Marianas from 19N168E to 9N150E and ending near 7N143E. A near-equatorial trough stretches east-southeastward from 3N130E passing south of Koror and then Chuuk to near 3N150E and ending south of Kosrae near EQ165E. Strongest activity in the trough axis includes scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from the equator to 5N between 150E and 160E elsewhere. Trade-wind showers are occurring within 120 miles of a line from 7N173 to 7N180. This is east of the Marshall Islands.

| Sunrise/Sunset |         |         | Moonrise/Moonset |          |          |
|----------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Today          | 6:47 AM | 6:14 PM | Today            | 8:00 PM  | 7:49 AM  |
| Wednesday      | 6:47 AM | 6:14 PM | Wednesday        | 10:51 PM | 8:30 AM  |
| Thursday       | 6:46 AM | 6:15 PM | Thursday         | 9:43 PM  | 9:11 AM  |
| Friday         | 6:46 AM | 6:15 PM | Friday           | 10:37 PM | 9:53 AM  |
| Saturday       | 6:46 AM | 6:16 PM | Saturday         | 11:33 PM | 10:38 AM |

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| DEPARTURES   |         |          |                          |  | ARRIVALS                        |         |           |                          |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>   |         |          |                          |  | <b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>        |         |           |                          |  |
| UA5070   | 4:35am  | 5:25am   | 2, 4, 6, 7               |  | UA 5069                         | 2:45am  | 3:35am    | 2, 4, 6, 7               |  |
| UA5062   | 4:40am  | 5:30am   | 1, 3, 5                  |  | UA5071                          | 7:05am  | 7:55am    | Daily                    |  |
| UA5068   | 8:25am  | 9:15am   | Daily                    |  | UA5073                          | 9:50am  | 10:40am   | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7         |  |
| UA5074   | 11:10am | 12:00pm  | 1, 4, 5, 7               |  | UA5075                          | 1:45pm  | 2:35pm    | 1, 4, 5, 7               |  |
| UA5076   | 3:10pm  | 4:00pm   | Daily                    |  | UA5077                          | 5:35pm  | 6:25pm    | Daily                    |  |
| UA5078   | 6:55pm  | 7:45pm   | Daily                    |  | UA5079                          | 8:20pm  | 9:10pm    | Daily                    |  |
| UA5072   | 9:45pm  | 10:35pm  | Daily                    |  |                                 |         |           |                          |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>   |         |          |                          |  | <b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>      |         |           |                          |  |
| DL287  | 6:00am  | 8:40am   | Daily                    |  | DL298                           | 10:25am | 3:00pm    | Daily                    |  |
| DL285  | 6:35am  | 9:15am   | 1, 3, 5, 7               |  | DL286                           | 7:40pm  | 12:15am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7               |  |
| DL297  | 4:25pm  | 7:20pm   | Daily                    |  | DL288                           | 8:40pm  | 1:15am+1  | Daily                    |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b>       |         |           |                          |  |
| OZ119  | 4:00am  | 6:40am   | Daily                    |  | OZ120                           | 9:50pm  | 2:20am+1  | Daily                    |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>       |         |           |                          |  |
| OZ608  | 3:10am  | 6:20am   | 4, 6, 7                  |  | OZ607                           | 9:00pm  | 1:50am+1  | 3, 5, 6                  |  |
| OZ608  | 3:30am  | 6:40am   | 3                        |  | OZ607                           | 9:35pm  | 2:25am+1  | 2                        |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>       |         |           |                          |  |
| OZ606  | 2:10am  | 6:00am   | 1                        |  | OZ603                           | 9:00am  | 2:20pm    | Daily                    |  |
| OZ606  | 2:40am  | 6:30am   | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7         |  | OZ120                           | 7:10pm  | 2:20am+1  | Daily via KIX            |  |
| OZ119  | 4:00am  | 11:20am  | Daily via KIX            |  | OZ605                           | 7:40pm  | 1:00am+1  | 7                        |  |
| OZ604  | 3:20pm  | 7:10pm   | Daily                    |  | OZ605                           | 8:10pm  | 1:30am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6         |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>   |         |          |                          |  | <b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>    |         |           |                          |  |
| 3U8648   | 6:10am  | 8:40am   | 1, 4, 5, 7               |  | 3U8647                          | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1  | 3, 4, 6, 7               |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>     |         |           |                          |  |
| MU7108   | 3:50am  | 7:00am   | 1, 5                     |  | MU7107                          | 7:40pm  | 2:55am+1  | 4, 7                     |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>   |         |           |                          |  |
| 3U8646   | 4:20am  | 7:30am   | 2, 6                     |  | 3U8645                          | 7:40pm  | 3:00am+1  | 1, 5                     |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN</b> |         |           |                          |  |
| XF1734   | 6:30am  | 12:30pm  | 5                        |  | XF1733                          | 8:00pm  | 12:05am+1 | 4                        |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>   |         |          |                          |  | <b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>      |         |           |                          |  |
| OZ606/701  | 2:10am  | 11:15am  | 1                        |  | OZ704/603                       | 12:10am | 2:20pm    | Daily via ICN            |  |
| OZ606/701  | 2:40am  | 11:15am  | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7         |  | DL172/288                       | 8:05am  | 1:15am+1  | Daily via NRT            |  |
| UA5070/191   | 4:35am  | 10:00am  | 6 via GUM                |  | UA190/5077                      | 10:55am | 6:25pm    | 3, 6 via GUM             |  |
| UA5070/191   | 4:40am  | 10:00am  | 3                        |  | UA190/5079                      | 10:55am | 9:10pm    | 3, 6 via GUM             |  |
| DL287/173  | 6:00am  | 10:25pm  | Daily via NRT            |  | OZ702/605                       | 12:30pm | 1:00am+1  | 7 via ICN                |  |
| UA5076/183   | 3:10pm  | 9:30pm   | 2, 5 via GUM             |  | OZ702/605                       | 12:30pm | 1:30am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |  |
| UA5076/183   | 3:10pm  | 9:50pm   | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM    |  | PR110/UA5071                    | 10:10pm | 8:00am+1  | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM    |  |
| OZ604/703  | 3:20pm  | 11:00pm  | Daily via ICN            |  | UA184/5071                      | 10:55pm | 7:55am+1  | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM    |  |
| UA5072/PR111   | 9:55pm  | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM    |  | UA184/5071                      | 11:59pm | 7:55am+1  | 2, 5 via GUM             |  |
| <b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>  |         |          |                          |  | <b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>   |         |           |                          |  |
| OZ606/721  | 2:10am  | 11:50am  | 1 via ICN                |  | OZ746/603                       | 12:30am | 2:20pm    | Daily via ICN            |  |
| OZ606/721  | 2:40am  | 11:50am  | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |  | OZ722/605                       | 1:15pm  | 1:00am+1  | 7 via ICN                |  |
| UA5076/147   | 3:10pm  | 10:30pm  | 1, 5 via GUM             |  | OZ722/605                       | 1:15pm  | 1:30am+1  | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |  |
| OZ604/749  | 3:20pm  | 11:00pm  | Daily via ICN            |  | UA180/5071                      | 11:25pm | 10:40am+1 | 1 via GUM                |  |
|  |         |          |                          |  | UA180/5077                      | 11:25pm | 6:25pm+1  | 5 via GUM                |  |
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| <b>Guam-Rota</b>            |  |       |       |       |     | <b>Tinian-Saipan</b> |  |       |       |
| FRE 100                     |  | 7:30  | 8:00  | Daily |     | FRE 102              |  | 7:05  | 7:15  |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>          |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 104              |  | 7:50  | 8:00  |
| FRE 100                     |  | 8:20  | 8:50  | Daily |     | FRE 106              |  | 8:20  | 8:30  |
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>            |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 108              |  | 9:00  | 9:10  |
| FRE 300                     |  | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |     | FRE 110              |  | 10:00 | 10:10 |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>          |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 112              |  | 11:05 | 11:15 |
| FRE 400                     |  | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |     | FRE 114              |  | 12:00 | 12:10 |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>          |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 116              |  | 13:30 | 13:40 |
| FRE 200                     |  | 9:30  | 10:00 | Daily |     | FRE 118              |  | 14:50 | 15:00 |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>            |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 120              |  | 16:20 | 16:30 |
| FRE 400                     |  | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |     | FRE 122              |  | 17:00 | 17:10 |
| <b>Saipan-Tinian</b>        |  |       |       |       |     | FRE 124              |  | 18:05 | 18:15 |
| FRE 101                     |  | 6:45  | 6:55  | Daily |     | FRE 126              |  | 18:50 | 19:00 |
| FRE 103                     |  | 7:30  | 7:40  | Daily |     |                      |  |       |       |
| FRE 105                     |  | 8:00  | 8:10  | Daily |     |                      |  |       |       |
| FRE 107                     |  | 8:40  | 8:50  | Daily |     |                      |  |       |       |
| FRE 109                     |  | 9:10  | 9:20  | Daily |     |                      |  |       |       |
| FRE 111                     |  | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |     |                      |  |       |       |



# Business

## Fragile economy, other global woes dominated Davos

**DAVOS, Switzerland (AP)**—The fragile state of the world economy, along with the relentless turmoil in Syria and the rocky fallout from the Arab Spring, dominated discussions during this year's annual gathering of the global elite at Davos, leaving many participants uneasy about what lies ahead as they left for home Sunday.

Even broad agreement that there are some positive signs on the economic front, at least in emerging markets, was coupled with a warning from the head of the International Monetary Fund. "Do not relax," Christine Lagarde said. There's still a "risk of relapse."

More than 2,500 of the best and brightest in business, government, academia and civic life gathered for the five-day World Economic Forum at this Alpine resort. But much of the overt glitz and glamor that is a usual feature was toned down or absent this year, a decision founder Klaus Schwab said reflected the serious issues facing the world.

Political and economic issues vie for top billing each year at Davos, and this time, the economy had the edge, with a special focus on how to promote economic growth and jobs, especially for the youth among the world's 220 million jobless.

The IMF said that China, Af-



Demonstrators hold banners during a protest against the Davos World Economic Forum, WEF, in Davos, Switzerland, Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013. AP

rica, and other emerging markets could see significant growth, but Japan, eurozone nations and the U.S. are likely to struggle with negative to low growth. Ahead of the 43rd forum, the IMF downgraded its forecast for global economic growth this year by one-tenth of a percent-

age point to 3.5 percent.

While the U.S. avoided the so-called "fiscal cliff" of automatic tax increases and spending cuts, and fears have abated that the euro currency union will break up, there is growing concern that governments may ease up on measures to improve

growth and reduce debt that the IMF and many other institutions are calling for.

IMF chief Lagarde said the "very fragile and timid recovery" depends on leaders in the 17-nation eurozone, the United States and Japan making "the right decisions." The eurozone

in particular "is fragile because it is prone to political crisis" and slow decision-making, she said.

Davos participants' uneasiness about the world economy was matched by growing concern over the political turmoil in the Arab world, terrorism in North Africa, a spate of natural

disasters that have highlighted the failure to tackle climate change, and the growing inequality between the world's "haves" and "have nots."

"Two years ago, gloom around the stalled economic recovery was leavened by euphoria at the outbreak of the Arab spring," Kenneth Roth, the executive director of Human Rights Watch, told The Associated Press at Saturday night's low-key final reception. "This year, relief at the improved economic outlook is tempered by despair at the unimpeded slaughter in Syria, uncertainty about the outlook in Egypt, and frustration over the Arab monarchies' resistance to reform."

The Arab Spring uprisings have ousted dictators in Tunisia, Yemen, Libya and Egypt over the past two years. But now Islamists and liberals are wrangling over power, with Islamists mainly gaining the upper hand. Democracy is far from certain, and economic woes have left hundreds of thousands of young people jobless and frustrated that their "revolutions" haven't produced any dividends.

Former Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, a losing candidate in Egypt's presidential election last year, said there have been achievements, but warned that democracy isn't only about casting a vote.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Ryan says deep budget cuts likely unavoidable

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The chairman of the House Budget Committee says Republicans will oppose tax increases and, as a result, deep, unpopular budget cuts will likely take effect. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that automatic spending cuts are scheduled to take hold because, quote, "Democrats have opposed our efforts to replace those cuts with others." Democrats have insisted taxes be part of the equation to dodge across-the-board spending cuts that are set to hit the Pentagon and many domestic programs. The spending cuts were set in motion in the hopes of spurring lawmakers to strike a large-scale deal to reduce the deficit.

#### Dubai looks to Qatar for oil as flow from Iran cut

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—Dubai's government-run oil company says it has started importing supplies from Qatar and is seeking other sources in apparent moves to replace Iranian crude lost because of international sanctions. Sunday's statement from the Emirates National Oil Co. said it could seek to expand imports from the Middle East and Asia to help meet rising demand in the city-state, which has little of its own oil unlike neighboring Abu Dhabi. The statement did not mention Iran, but Dubai was a major buyer of Iranian condensate—light oil ready for refineries—and faced U.S. pressure to stop the flow.

#### Barge with 80,000 gallons oil hits bridge, leaks

A barge carrying 80,000 gallons of oil hit a railroad bridge in Vicksburg, Miss., on Sunday, spilling light crude into the Mississippi River and closing the waterway for eight miles in each direction, the Coast Guard said. A second barge was damaged. Investigators did not know how much had spilled, but an oily sheen was reported as far as three miles downriver of Vicksburg after the 1:12 a.m. accident, said Lt. Ryan Gomez of the Coast Guard's office in Memphis, Tenn. It wasn't immediately clear whether the second barge also hit the bridge or if it ran into the first barge, he said. The first barge was still leaking Sunday evening, and emergency workers set out booms to absorb and contain the oil, Gomez said. The river's closure halted at least five northbound and two southbound vessels, he said. The bridge was found safe for trains, said Petty Officer Carlos Vega. (AP)

## Consumer alert: New health care markets on the way

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Buying your own health insurance will never be the same.

This fall, new insurance markets called exchanges will open in each state, marking the long-awaited and much-debated debut of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

The goal is quality coverage for millions of uninsured people in the United States. What the reality will look like is anybody's guess—from bureaucracy, confusion and indifference to seamless service and satisfied customers.

Exchanges will offer individuals and their families a choice of private health plans resembling what workers at major companies already get. The government will help many

middle-class households pay their premiums, while low-income people will be referred to safety-net programs they might qualify for.

Most people will go online to pick a plan when open enrollment starts Oct. 1. Counselors will be available at call centers and in local communities, too. Some areas will get a storefront operation or kiosks at the mall. Translation to Spanish and other languages spoken by immigrants will be provided.

When you pick a plan, you'll no longer have to worry about getting turned down or charged more because of a medical problem. If you're a woman, you can't be charged a higher premium because of gender. Middle-aged people and those nearing

retirement will get a price break: They can't be charged more than three times what younger customers pay, compared with six times or seven times today.

If all this sounds too good to be true, remember that nothing in life is free and change isn't easy.

Starting Jan. 1, 2014, when coverage takes effect in the exchanges, virtually everyone in the country will be required by law to have health insurance or face fines. The mandate is meant to get everybody paying into the insurance pool.

Obama's law is called the Affordable Care Act, but some people in the new markets might experience sticker shock over their premiums. Smokers will face a financial penalty. Younger, well-to-do people who

haven't seen the need for health insurance may not be eligible for income-based assistance with their premiums.

Many people, even if they get government help, will find that health insurance still doesn't come cheaply. Monthly premiums will be less than the mortgage or rent, but maybe more than a car loan. The coverage, however, will be more robust than most individual plans currently sold.

Consider a hypothetical family of four making \$60,000 and headed by a 40-year-old. They'll be eligible for a government tax credit of \$7,193 toward their annual premium of \$12,130. But they'd still have to pay \$4,937, about 8 percent of their income, or about \$410 a month.

## Deal signed to clear Myanmar debt, allow new loans

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—The World Bank announced a long-awaited deal to allow Myanmar to clear part of its huge decades-old foreign debt, opening the door for new much-needed lending to jumpstart its lagging economy.

The bank's Washington headquarters said in a statement Sunday that the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, the country's overseas development bank, will provide a bridge loan to Myanmar to cover outstanding debt to the World Bank and

the Asian Development Bank, which totals about \$900 million.

Myanmar stopped payments on its old loans about 1987, making it ineligible for new development lending.

The deal is a major breakthrough for Myanmar, with loans likely to go to upgrading its dilapidated infrastructure, including electricity and ports. The knock-on effect would be to bring in more foreign direct investment, already attracted by the country's relatively low-cost economy.

"We have not been allowed financial assistance for more than 20 years and the clearing of foreign debts will help bring fresh new loans for Myanmar," said Maung Aung, a researcher and economist at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. "We welcome the deal because the country's infrastructure development can be carried out only with the financial assistance from the big financial institutions like the World Bank and ADB."

The debt deal clears the way

for Japan to push ahead with plans for a \$12.3 billion plan to build a special economic zone near the capital which is being developed by a consortium including Japanese trading firms Mitsubishi Corp., Marubeni Corp. and Sumitomo Corp.

The deal is also likely to draw criticism, because it comes as Myanmar's army is pushing hard against ethnic Kachin rebels in the country's north, in an echo of the notorious counterinsurgency campaigns of previous military regimes.



# Nation

## Obama lauds Clinton as she prepares to leave

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama lauded Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as one of his closest advisers and said their shared vision for America's role in the world persuaded his one-time rival—and potential successor—to be his top diplomat while he dealt with the shattered economy at home.

During a joint interview that aired Sunday, Obama and Clinton chuckled as they described their partnership and stoked speculation that Obama may prefer Clinton to succeed him in the White House after the 2016 elections. Clinton is leaving Obama's Cabinet soon, and speculation about the former first lady and senator has only grown more intense after a heated appearance last week on Capitol Hill.

Both Obama and Clinton battled away questions about future campaigns, but the joint interview—the president's first with anyone other than first lady Michelle Obama—was only likely to increase the fascination with Clinton's future.

"The president and I care deeply about what's going to happen for our country in the future," Clinton said. "And I don't think, you know, either he or I can make predictions about what's going to happen tomorrow or the next year."

Obama, who suggested the joint interview as Clinton prepared her exit from the State Department, lavished praise on his rival for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination. He called her a friend and an extraordinary talent, and praised "her discipline, her stamina, her thoughtfulness, her ability to project."

It teetered on an endorsement of a 2016 presidential bid that is still an open question. Clinton advisers say she has not made a decision about a run, while Democratic officials suggest Clinton would be an early favorite if she decided to mount another campaign.



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, testifies on Capitol Hill, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, before Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on the deadly September attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Obama and Clinton laughed when asked about the political future.

"You guys in the press are incorrigible," Obama said when pressed on another Clinton presidency. "I was literally inaugurated four days ago. And you're talking about elections four years from now."

The possibility of a presidential campaign for Vice President Joe Biden did not come up during the interview, taped Friday at the White House.

Obama described why he insisted Clinton become his secretary of state.

"She also was already a world figure," Obama said. "To have somebody who could serve as that effective ambassador in her own right without having to earn her stripes, so to speak, on the international stage, I thought, would be hugely important."

It was a job she initially refused. But Obama kept pushing, Clinton said.

"The one thing he did men-

tion was he basically said: 'You know, we've got this major economic crisis that may push us into a depression. I'm not going to be able to do a lot to satisfy the built-up expectations for our role around the world. So you're going to have to get out there and, you know, really represent us while I deal with, you know, the economic catastrophe I inherited.'

It's a job she embraced during the last four years. She arrived on the job with a global brand she quickly lent to promoting U.S. interests. In return, the public rewarded her with high approval ratings that could come in handy if she runs in 2016.

But her tenure has had its blemishes. For example, the United States did not directly intervene in the civil war in Syria, where the United Nations says more than 60,000 people have been killed and more than 2 million people have been internally displaced since the start of the conflict in March 2011.

"There are transitions and transformations taking place all around the world. We are not going to be able to control every aspect of every transition and transformation," Obama said, saying his jobs are to protect the United States and engage where the U.S. can make a difference.

In a separate interview with The New Republic, also released Sunday, Obama said, "As I wrestle with those decisions, I am more mindful probably than most of not only our incredible strengths and capabilities, but also our limitations."

On "60 Minutes," he praised Clinton's State Department for helping him sort out what the United States can—and cannot—accomplish.

"It has been a great collaboration over the last four years. I'm going to miss her. Wish she was sticking around. But she has logged in so many miles, I can't begrudge her wanting to take it easy for a little bit," Obama said.

Illinois secretary of state's office said the licenses will be available starting in November.

Those ready for the change include 45-year-old Victoria Chavez.

"I need to get my driver's license because I have two kids," the Chicago woman said. "They need my support. This is a victory for all of us in the immigrant community."

The licenses will be like those already issued to certain foreign-born, legal visitors. Applicants will be photographed, and their photo will be entered into the state's facial recognition database—like the rest of Illinois' licensed drivers—to verify their identity.

## Billions in gas drilling royalties transform lives

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Private landowners are reaping billions of dollars in royalties each year from the boom in natural gas drilling, transforming lives and livelihoods even as the windfall provides only a modest boost to the broader economy.

In Pennsylvania alone, royalty payments could top \$1.2 billion for 2012, according to an Associated Press analysis that looked at state tax information, production records and estimates from the National Association of Royalty Owners.

For some landowners, the unexpected royalties have made a big difference.

"We used to have to put stuff on credit cards. It was basically living from paycheck to paycheck," said Shawn Georgetti, who runs a family dairy farm in Avella, about 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

Natural gas production has boomed in many states over the past few years as advances in drilling opened up vast reserves buried in deep shale rock, such as the Marcellus formation in Pennsylvania and the Barnett in Texas.

Nationwide, the royalty owners association estimates, natural gas royalties totaled \$21 billion in 2010, the most recent year for which it has done a full analysis. Texas paid out the most in gas royalties that year,

about \$6.7 billion, followed by Wyoming at \$2 billion and Alaska at \$1.9 billion.

Exact estimates of natural gas royalty payments aren't possible because contracts and wholesale prices of gas vary, and specific tax information is private. But some states release estimates of the total revenue collected for all royalties, and feedback on thousands of contracts has led the royalty owners association to conclude that the average royalty is 18.75 percent of gas production.

"Our fastest-growing state chapter is our Pennsylvania chapter, and we just formed a North Dakota chapter. We've seen a lot of new people, and new questions," said Jerry Simmons, the director of the association, which was founded in 1980 and is based in Oklahoma.

Simmons said he hasn't heard of anyone getting less than 12.5 percent, and that's also the minimum rate set by law in Pennsylvania. Simmons knows of one contract in another state where the owner received 25 percent of production, but that's unusual.

By comparison, a 10 to 25 percent range is similar to what a top recording artist might get in royalties from CD sales, while a novelist normally gets a 12.5 percent to 15 percent royalty on hardcover book sales.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### American pastor sentenced to 8 years in Iran

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—An American pastor who has been jailed in Iran since September has been sentenced to eight years in prison, the U.S. State Department said Sunday. Spokesman Darby Holladay said the department is calling on Iran to respect Saeed Abedini's human rights and release him. Earlier this month, Iran's semi-official news agency, ISNA, quoted Abedini's attorney, Nasser Sarbazi, as saying his client stood trial in the Revolutionary Court on charges of attempting to undermine state security by creating a network of Christian churches in private homes. The pastor, who is of Iranian origin but lives in Boise, Idaho, has rejected the charges.

#### 2 rescued after small plane crash on Hudson River

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP)—Two people were rescued Sunday when their single-

engine plane crashed and sank into the icy Hudson River off Yonkers, authorities said. The small plane was carrying a man and a woman on a sightseeing trip, and crashed about 5:20 p.m., Yonkers Police Lt. Phil Collins said. The two were wearing life vests and were able to get out of the plane before it sank, Collins said. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

#### Dolphin in NY canal examined for cause of death

NEW YORK (AP)—The wayward dolphin that meandered into a polluted New York canal and died is undergoing a post-mortem exam. The marine mammal died Friday evening in the Gowanus (guh-WAH'-nuhs) Canal that runs through Brooklyn. Experts from the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation were conducting a necropsy Sunday afternoon to determine the cause of death.

## Fraud concerns linger over new Ill. license law

CHICAGO (AP)—As Illinois becomes the fourth and most populous state to give illegal immigrants permission to drive, nagging concerns remain about whether there are enough safeguards to avoid the identity fraud and other pitfalls other states faced.

Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn signed Illinois' measure into law Sunday in Chicago. Backers, including Quinn, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and some of the state's top Republicans, tout it as a public-safety measure. They argue that required facial recognition technology is reliable enough to prevent fraud.

They hailed it as an important step for immigrant rights in Il-

linois, which approved its own Dream Act in 2010 to create a privately-funded scholarship program for immigrant students. President Barack Obama plans to discuss his plan to overhaul the immigration system during a trip to Las Vegas on Tuesday.

"This was a bipartisan effort to pass an important law," Quinn said. "When the president speaks on Tuesday, he can say about his home state of Illinois ... we not only passed the Dream Act last year, we passed driver's licenses for those who are undocumented."

However, the law's opponents have pointed to hundreds of fraudulent cases in New Mexico, Washington and Utah

after those states began giving illegal immigrants permission to drive. Illinois will not require applicants to be fingerprinted, for fear that would discourage immigrants from applying.

"How many people would apply for this document knowing that fingerprints will be going to (federal authorities)? Probably not all that many," said Fred Tsao, policy director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, a driving-force behind the measure.

Proponents say it will allow an estimated 250,000 people unlawfully residing in the state to apply for a three-year temporary driver's license and require them to get training and insurance. The



# Asia

## Bangladesh probing if factory's 1 exit was locked

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—Bangladesh's government is investigating allegations that the sole emergency exit was locked at a garment factory where a fire killed seven women.

The fire Saturday at the Smart Export Garment Ltd. factory occurred just two months after a blaze killed 112 workers in another factory, raising questions about safety in Bangladesh's garment industry, which exports clothes to leading Western retailers. The gates of that factory were locked.

Government official Jahangir Kabir Nanak said Sunday an investigation has been ordered into the cause of Saturday's fire and allegations that the emergency exit was locked.

Altaf Hossain, father of a garment worker killed in the latest fire, has filed a police case against three directors of the factory, accusing them of negligence involving the fire, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Sub-inspector Shamsul Hoque told The Associated Press. He said police had begun an investigation. Doctors said most of the victims died from asphyxiation.

"When I tried to escape through the emergency exit I found the gate locked," factory worker Raushan Ara was quoted as saying by Dhaka's Prothom Alo newspaper.

The newspaper said at least 50 people were injured in a stampede triggered by the fire, and six of them were hospitalized.



AP  
Bangladeshi garment worker Laiju stands inside the damaged Smart Export Garment Ltd. factory where a fire Saturday claimed the lives of seven of her female colleagues in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

member so it had no details.

Earlier this month, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. alerted its global suppliers that it will immediately drop them if they subcontract their work to factories that haven't been authorized by the discount. The stricter contracting rule, along with other changes to its policy, come amid increasing calls for better safety oversight after the deadly fire in late November at a factory owned by Tazreen Fashions Ltd. that supplied clothing to Wal-Mart and other retailers. Wal-Mart has said the factory wasn't authorized to make its clothes.

Wal-Mart ranks second behind Swedish fast fashion retailer H&M in the number of clothing orders it places in Bangladesh.

Fires have caused more than 600 deaths of garment workers in Bangladesh since 2005, according to research by the advocacy group International Labor Rights Forum.

Some of the injured jumped out of the windows of the two-story factory, survivors said.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner Monzurul Kabir said the bodies of seven women were recovered from the top floor of the factory. He said the factory was making pants and shirts, but could not provide further details.

Fire official Abdul Halim said it took firefighters about

two hours to bring the blaze under control.

Volunteers joined firefighters in battling the fire as a large crowd gathered outside the factory awaiting word on the fate of relatives. Family members

were seen crying near the body of a female worker named Josna, who was 16.

About 250 workers were working at the time of the fire, newspapers said.

It was not immediately

known if the factory produced garments for any international companies. The owner was not available for comment, and the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association said the factory was not a

## Landslides leave 16 dead, 9 missing in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Rescuers found four more bodies Sunday, bringing the death toll to 16 in two separate landslides triggered by torrential rain in western Indonesia, including five geothermal workers, officials said.

The worst landslides happened in Tanjung Sani of Agam district in West Sumatra province, where 20 houses were buried when mud and rocks fell from surrounding hills at dawn on Sunday, killing 11 villagers, said disaster

official Ade Edward.

He said six injured villagers were being treated at a hospital, including one in critical condition. The bodies of the dead, including three children aged 8 and 9, have been evacuated and rescuers using heavy digging equipment are searching for nine people who reportedly were buried under the mud and feared dead.

Hundreds of terrified survivors fled their hillside homes for tents on safer ground, fearing more of the mountainside

would collapse under continuing rain, Edward said.

In the neighboring province of Jambi, days of heavy rains triggered a landslide in a drilling field owned by PT. Pertamina Geothermal Energy, a state-run company, late Saturday. The death toll there rose to five after searchers pulled out the body of another worker from the mud on Sunday, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho from the National Disaster Mitigation Agency.

Company official Adiatma

Sardjito said 60 workers survived Saturday's landslide.

"The workers were having dinner when the landslide suddenly occurred," Sardjito said, adding the disaster left five others hurt.

He said the landslide did not impact their production.

Seasonal downpours cause frequent landslides and flash-floods each year in Indonesia, a chain of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile flood plains.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### India tests nuclear-capable missile

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—An Indian news report says India has successfully tested a medium-range, nuclear-capable ballistic missile fired from an underwater platform in the Bay of Bengal. The Press Trust of India news agency says the missile would soon be ready for deployment on platforms, including a nuclear submarine. India's Defense Ministry spokesman was not available for comment. Pal-lava Bagla, a defense expert, said Sunday's test off the east coast was 14th in the series with a range of 700 kilometers (435 miles). It would complete India's nuclear triad—the capability to launch missiles from land, air and below the sea.

#### Robbers break into huge Philippine mall

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine police say robbers broke into one of the world's largest shopping malls and fired shots to spark panic among shoppers and cover their escape after taking jewelry from a shop. Police Senior Superintendent Florendo Quibuyen says no one was injured in the daring late Saturday robbery at the SM Megamall in a suburb of the capital, Manila. Investigators were trying to identify two of the robbers, whose faces were caught on security cameras. Quibuyen said Sunday that the robbers used an iron wrench to shatter glass showcases and take the jewelry. SM Megamall attracts between 500,000 to almost 1 million shoppers a day.

#### Several Australian towns flooded, 3 people killed

**BRISBANE, Australia (AP)**—Torrential rain over the weekend flooded several towns in eastern Australia, and three deaths were reported Monday. Downtown businesses in the Queensland state capital Brisbane were inundated while 1,200 properties were flooded by record-high waters in the city of Bundaberg 385 kilometers (240 miles) to the north. Helicopters were used to rescue 18 people from the roofs of their homes in Bundaberg, Australian Associated Press reported. The town's population is 98,000. Queensland police on Monday confirmed that three people had died in flood waters since the weekend. There was also flooding in the Queensland towns of Gladstone, Gympie and Ipswich.

## Myanmar's Kachin rebels lose ground near HQ

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—A key outpost protecting the headquarters of ethnic Kachin rebels in northern Myanmar has fallen to government troops, a spokesman for the guerrilla group said Sunday.

The Kachin Independence Army spokesman said the hillside outpost at Hka Ya Bhum, near the guerrilla group's headquarters in the town of Laiza, was overrun Saturday afternoon.

"The army stormed the post using about 3,000 soldiers and air and artillery assaults," said the spokesman, who asked to be identified only as Joseph.

He said in a telephone interview that heavy attacks on the post began last week, despite a

cease-fire unilaterally declared by the government. Over the past few weeks, the government has pushed toward Laiza, although it insists that it has no intention of taking the town.

"The government did not live up to their own promises and they continue their attacks even today. I think their target is to totally occupy our Laiza headquarters," he said. No casualty figures were available, he said.

The Kachin, like Myanmar's other ethnic minorities, have long sought greater autonomy from the central government. They are the only major ethnic rebel group that has not reached a truce with President Thein

Sein's administration.

The military has been actively engaging the Kachin in combat for 1 1/2 years, but fighting escalated when the government began using fighter planes and helicopter gunships in its attacks starting on Christmas Day. It said it was acting in self-defense because Kachin attacks kept it from supplying its forward bases, but the Kachin say they were seeking to stop the army from attacking their Laiza headquarters, near the border with China.

The fighting has drawn concern from the United States, China and the United Nations.

On Saturday, Myanmar's Foreign Ministry criticized a

recent statement by the United States about the violence.

In comments published in the state-run Myanmar Ahlin newspaper, the ministry said it rejected the statement issued Thursday by the U.S. Embassy that expressed "deep concern" over the ongoing violence because it failed to mention anything about "terrorist actions and atrocities committed by the KIA" and talked only about army actions.

Relations between the two countries remain uneasy despite Myanmar's shift from an ostracized military state to a fledgling democracy, although Washington has relaxed most sanctions it imposed on the previous army regime because of its repressive policies.



## World

## Deadly smoke, lone blocked exit: 230 die in Brazil

**PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil** (AP)—Flames raced through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil early Sunday, killing more than 230 people as panicked partygoers gasped for breath in the smoke-filled air, stampeding toward a single exit partially blocked by those already dead. It appeared to be the world's deadliest nightclub fire in more than a decade.

Witnesses said a flare or firework lit by band members started the blaze in Santa Maria, a university city of about 225,000 people, though officials said the cause was still under investigation.

Television images showed smoke pouring out of the Kiss nightclub as shirtless young men who had attended a university party joined firefighters using axes and sledgehammers to pound at windows and walls to free those trapped inside.

Guido Pedrosa Melo, commander of the city's fire department, told the O Globo newspaper that firefighters had a hard time getting inside the club because "there was a barrier of bodies blocking the entrance."

Teenagers sprinted from the scene desperately seeking help. Others carried injured and burned friends away in their arms.

"There was so much smoke and fire, it was complete panic, and it took a long time for people to get out, there were so many dead," survivor Luana Santos Silva told the Globo TV network.

The fire spread so fast inside the packed club that firefighters and ambulances could do little to stop it, Silva said.

Another survivor, Michele Pereira, told the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper that she was near the stage when members of the band lit flares that started the conflagration.

"The band that was onstage began to use flares and, suddenly, they stopped the show and pointed them upward," she said.

## Egypt declares state of emergency in 3 provinces

**CAIRO** (AP)—Egypt's president declared a state of emergency and curfew in three Suez Canal provinces hit hardest by a weekend wave of unrest that left more than 50 dead, using tactics of the ousted regime to get a grip on discontent over his Islamist policies and the slow pace of change.

Angry and almost screaming, Mohammed Morsi vowed in a televised address on Sunday night that he would not hesitate to take even more action to stem the latest eruption of violence across much of the country. But at the same time, he sought to reassure Egyptians that his latest moves would not plunge the country back into authoritarianism.



Police investigators inspect the entrance of the Kiss nightclub in Santa Maria city, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

## A look at notable deadly nightclub fires

A fire that swept through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil early Sunday and killed more than 230 people appears to be the deadliest in more a decade. Here is a look at some of the biggest nightclub fires in the past century:

- A blaze at the Lame Horse nightclub in Perm, Russia, broke out in December 2009, when an indoor fireworks display ignited a plastic ceiling decorated with branches, killing 152.
- A December 2004 fire killed 194 people at an overcrowd-

ed working-class nightclub in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after a flare ignited ceiling foam.

- A nightclub fire in the U.S. state of Rhode Island in 2003 killed 100 people after pyrotechnics used as a stage prop by the 1980s rock band Great White set ablaze cheap soundproofing foam on the walls and ceiling.
- In China's worst nightclub disaster in recent years, a fire blamed on a welding accident tore through a disco in the central city of Luoyang in December 2000, kill-

ing 309 people.

- A fire at the Ozone Disco Pub in 1996 in Quezon City, Philippines, killed 162 people, many of them students celebrating the end of the school year.
- In 1977, 165 people perished and more than 200 were injured when the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Kentucky, which touted itself as the Showplace of the Nation, burned to the ground.
- A fire killed 492 people at Boston's Coconut Grove club in 1942, the deadli-

est nightclub blaze in U.S. history. The fire led to the enactment of requirements for sprinkler systems and accessible exits with emergency lights not linked to the regular lighting system.

- In 1940, a fire ignited the decorative Spanish moss draping the ceiling of the Rhythm Night Club in Natchez, Mississippi, killing 209 people. Hundreds of patrons ran to the only exit. The windows had been boarded shut to keep unwanted guests from sneaking in.

"At that point, the ceiling caught fire. It was really weak, but in a matter of seconds it spread."

Guitarist Rodrigo Martins told Radio Gaucha that the

band, Gurizada Fandangueira, started playing at 2:15 a.m. "and we had played around five songs when I looked up and noticed the roof was burning"

"It might have happened because of the Sputnik, the machine we use to create a luminous effect with sparks. It's harmless, we never had any

trouble with it.

"When the fire started, a guard passed us a fire extinguisher, the singer tried to use it but it wasn't working"

He confirmed that accordion player Danilo Jacques, 28, died, while the five other members made it out safely.

Police Maj. Cleberson Braid Bastianello said by telephone that the toll had risen to 233 with the death of a hospitalized victim—he said earlier that the death toll was likely made worse because the nightclub appeared to have just one exit through which patrons could exit.

Officials counted 232 bodies that had been brought for identification to a gymnasium in Santa Maria, which is located at the southern tip of Brazil, near the borders with Argentina and Uruguay.

Federal Health Minister Alexandre Padilha told a news conference that most of the 117 people treated in hospitals had been poisoned by gases they breathed during the fire. Only a few suffered serious burns, he said.

Brazil President Dilma Rousseff arrived to visit the injured after cutting short her trip to a Latin American-European summit in Chile.

"It is a tragedy for all of us," Rousseff said.

Most of the dead apparently were asphyxiated, according to Dr. Paulo Afonso Beltrame, a professor at the medical school of the Federal University of Santa Maria who went to the city's Caridade Hospital to help victims.

Beltrame said he was told the club had been filled far beyond its capacity during a party for students at the university's agronomy department.

Survivors, police and firefighters gave the same account of a band member setting the ceiling's soundproofing ablaze, he said.

"Large amounts of toxic smoke quickly filled the room, and I would say that at least 90 percent of the victims died of asphyxiation," Beltrame told The Associated Press by telephone.

## UN humanitarian chief in Syria for talks

**DAMASCUS, Syria** (AP)—The United Nations humanitarian chief was in Damascus on Sunday for talks with Syrian officials about the nation's conflict, which has forced millions of people from their homes, destroyed the country's cities and created food and fuel shortages.

Valerie Amos did not make any public remarks upon her arrival in Damascus on Sunday for a two-day visit, but at the World Economic Forum in Davos last week, she said world powers had not done enough to lessen Syrian suffering.

"The humanitarian situation in Syria is already catastrophic and it's clearly getting worse," she said. "What we are seeing

now are the consequences of the failure of the international community to unite to resolve the crisis."

The U.N. says more than 60,000 people have been killed since the start of the conflict in March 2011.

Living conditions have deteriorated across Syria during the 22-month conflict, which began with political protests that escalated into a civil war with scores of rebel groups battling President Bashar Assad's forces. Entire towns and neighborhoods have been damaged in the fighting, and more than 2 million people are internally displaced, with another 650,000 seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

sued later by his office said that among those invited were the country's top reform leader, Nobel peace Laureate Mohammed ElBaradei, former Arab League chief Amr Moussa and Hamdeen Sabahi, a leftist politician who finished third in last year's presidential race.

The three are leaders of the National Salvation Front, an umbrella for the main opposition parties.

Khaled Dawoud, the Front's spokesman, said Morsi's invitation was meaningless unless he clearly states what is on the agenda. That, he added, must include amending a disputed constitution hurriedly drafted by the president's Islamist allies and rejected by the opposition.

At least another 11 died on Friday elsewhere in the country during rallies marking the second anniversary of the anti-Mubarak uprising. Protesters used the occasion to renounce Morsi and his Islamic fundamentalist group, the Muslim Brotherhood, which emerged as the country's most dominant political force after Mubarak's ouster.

The curfew and state of emergency, both in force for 30 days, affect the provinces of Port Said, Ismailiya and Suez. The curfew takes effect Monday from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day.

Morsi, in office since June, also invited the nation's political forces to a dialogue starting Monday to resolve the country's latest crisis. A statement is-



## Overdrive

## Mazda's big CX-9 has bigger sticker

By **SUSAN CARPENTER**  
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The average American family consists of 3.14 people, according to the most recent U.S. census. The average household: 2.58. So it's a little odd that the market for seven-passenger SUVs is heating up. Americans, it seems, are feeling comfortable enough about the economy that they are once again up-sizing.

Later this month, Hyundai will introduce a new three-row version of its Santa Fe, and Ford will soon offer its popular Transit Connect delivery van as a seven-passenger Mom-mobile. But Mazda is getting a jump on the competition with a refreshed version of its CX-9.

If family size is a function of wealth, it makes sense that Mazda's largest vehicle is also its most premium and its most expensive, catering to well-educated families making at least \$100,000 who can afford to drop at least \$30,000 on a car and fists full of cash every time they fill up the tank.

For its sixth model year, the CX-9 is improved with mostly cosmetic and technological improvements. It's powered with the same 3.7-liter V-6 engine that gives it sufficient pull to safely merge into speeding traffic and enough juice to get up hills without overburdening the six-speed automatic transmission. Its profile, however, is more windswept, with a dramatically raked front window.

The interior finish is middle-of-the-road sleek, largely because it's entirely black, and it's hard to go wrong with such a basic. Mazda compliments the



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The 2013 Mazda CX9 is the largest among Mazda's current models.

black leather of its seats with black suede and subtle red stitching.

Technology, however, is where the real wars are waged between competitive vehicles. A new 5.8-inch display is now standard on all three versions of the CX-9 and incorporates HD Radio as well as Pandora. Also standard is a Short Message System that, when a smartphone is synced with the car, can receive and send text messages that are displayed on the LCD screen. The same system will also automatically dial 911 if the car's airbags deploy.

One of the most useful safety technologies on the CX-9 is blind-spot monitoring, a feature that is especially helpful for harried moms carting their bickering—and distracting—spawn. Every time a vehicle pulled into my blind spot, a yellow graphic lit up in the corner of my side mirror to alert me.

## NUTS & BOLTS

### 2013 MAZDA CX-9

**Base price, excluding destination charge:** \$29,785

**Price as tested:** \$39,605

**Powertrain:** 3.7 liter, V6, 4 valves per cylinder, DOHC, 6-speed automatic transmission with sport shift

**Maximum horsepower:** 273 at 6,250 rpm

**Maximum torque:** 270 pound-feet at 4,250 rpm

**EPA estimated fuel economy:** 16 city, 22 highway, 18 combined

When using my turn signals to change lanes, the car beeped to let me know if I might be taking off another driver's bumper in the move.

When I picked up my 9-year-old from winter camp last week, he and his best friend were so excited to discover the CX-9's third row, they didn't even bother collapsing the middle seat to get there. Being less than five feet tall, neither boy complained about the head or leg room—both of which incrementally diminish with each row.

Climbing into the rearmost row after the kids had cleared out required a bit of contortionism, I found. The second row doesn't slide forward enough to step onto the third row floor; I needed to climb onto the door sill and duck under a seat belt. This isn't an activity for moms whose fashion proclivities include miniskirts.

Collapsing the third row with the Grand Touring model is especially easy for parents who long for octopus arms that can wrangle kids as well as

groceries. The lift gate automatically opens with the press of a button on the key fob, and the third row easily collapses with a clever system of pull tabs. Pull on the small tab under the head rest, and it flips forward. Pull on a second one at the back of the seat, and the whole thing falls forward.

I was testing the most premium of the CX-9's three trims—the all-wheel-drive \$36,375 Grand Touring model fit with an optional tech package that upgraded the audio to Bose, expanded my radio options with Sirius, Technicolor the center console screen and let me gaze at the stars through a power moon roof.

The CX-9 is available in front-wheel and all-wheel drive, the latter of which gets slightly worse fuel economy mostly due to the additional weight. I'm not sure it's worth the extra money and fuel economy compromise in temperate climates, since the all-wheel drive CX-9 functions in front-wheel drive most of the time, only adding torque to the rear wheels when it senses slippage or too much speed.

The profile of the CX-9 is long, but driving it doesn't feel like a car that can pack seven and also haul 3,500 pounds. It handles like a smaller car. The most significant indicator of its largesse is the screen that monitors its fuel economy, which told me, after 450 miles of driving, that I'd averaged just 18.2 mpg. Mazda won't say when it will be giving the CX-9 the SkyActiv treatment, as it has with its five-seat SUV, the CX-5, which costs \$10,000 less and averages 29 mpg combined.

## Bad switch could make dome light misbehave

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**QUESTION: I have a problem with the dome light on my 2008 Ford Explorer. It keeps coming on while I'm driving. It usually stays on for a few minutes then goes off. I had it to the garage several times, but they can't find the problem.—C. May**

**ANSWER:** Your dome and courtesy lights are controlled by the Explorer's Smart Junction Box, or SJB, also called a generic electronic module. This very smart box receives inputs from the door ajar switches (one in each door latch), the liftgate and liftgate glass ajar switches, and instrument panel dimmer switch. Within the SJB, the interior lamp arbitrator can initiate either basic interior lighting, lighting delay, entry or exit lighting, alarm flash, and battery saver modes.

My hunch is you have a flaky switch in one of the door latches or liftgate that is seen as a request for interior illumination. Determining which switch would be easy, using a manufacturer-specific or high-end aftermarket scan tool. These differ from the inexpensive OBD-II generic scan tools found at auto parts stores, as they're capable of communicating with modules all over the vehicle and performing some neat tricks. These scan tools can look at a dizzying amount of input information, control many functions—rolling up

and down windows, sweeping gauges, etc.—and obtain clear diagnostic trouble codes.

Since the Explorer uses normally closed-door and liftgate ajar switches, meaning each switch completes a circuit when the door or lift gate is fully closed, a faulty electrical connection somewhere could be interpreted as an ajar signal. This would be more difficult to locate, but the scan tool input data can narrow the search to a particular area. The reason the interior lamps may come and go when driving, besides the faulty input, is the SJB will cancel the dome and courtesy lamps when vehicle speed exceeds 9 miles per hour.

Try this before seeking a heads-up repair shop: Wiggle and tug on each door, individually, while observing the dome or courtesy lamps, in addition to the liftgate and liftgate glass. While you do this, turn the key to on with all doors closed to simulate driving, and leave a window down to prevent accidental lock-out. With luck, you may determine which switch is the offender. The Explorer's door and liftgate ajar switches are attached to the door and liftgate latches, and can be serviced separately after trim panel removal.

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## BMW owner befuddled by battery that keeps draining

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**QUESTION: I have a 1997 BMW Z3 roadster purchased used in 2001. Since Day 1, the battery will go flat if I leave the**

**car sitting for more than a few days. Two different BMW shops have been unable to diagnose the problem. The battery that came with car and a new one needed to be replaced because of so many deep discharge cycles. I installed a battery cut-off switch to save the third battery and make sure the car will start when I want it to. Of course, I need to reset the clock and the audio system settings each time. My brother, an automotive mechanic, says the first thing he would check is the alternator because the diode sometimes goes bad and allows a small reverse current flow. Have you ever encountered this?**

**ANSWER:** First off, recognize that modern automobiles equipped with numerous electronic processors and gadgetry experience a parasitic current "draw" on the battery when parked with the ignition turned off. BMW publishes service information showing the timeline for the current draw after shut-down. After 60 minutes the parasitic loss should be about 30 milliamps—or 0.03 of an ampere per hour—or less. It would take several weeks at this loss rate for a good battery to fail to start.

The fact that every battery that's

been in your car has discharged to the "no-start" point in just a few days indicates the parasitic current draw must be significantly higher. A stuck relay can draw half an amp per hour and flatten a battery in a couple of days. A small lamp—glove box, trunk or the like—draws more current and will deplete the battery faster.

Since the shops haven't been able to find the leak, so to speak, you could try the do-it-yourself method that involves connecting a homemade ammeter—a tail light bulb's terminals connected between the positive battery cable and positive battery terminal. If there's a significant current flow, the light will at least glow dimly. If it does, unplug each fuse and relay, one at a time. If the light goes out as you disconnect or unplug a fuse or relay, that's the circuit where the current is flowing.

Don't overlook the possibility of the alternator or charging system not adequately recharging the battery as you drive. The cumulative loss over several driving cycles can leave the battery significantly discharged when you park the car. Normal parasitic loss can then deplete the battery in just a few days.

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**Q: I'm having trouble with the passenger side original rear strut on my 1996 Camry with 500,198 miles on it. I've had a few timing belts replaced along with one fuel pump, oil pump, water pump and radiator. Unfortunately I've not replaced the**

**struts. When driving down the freeway in the left lane, the right rear strut makes no noise, but when driving in the right lane it clatters very loudly to the point I have to turn the radio up. Is it not safe to drive it this way? My friends say to drive it until my knees start to hurt. It runs down the freeway fine but handles more like a boat. I hate to put too much money into it.**

**A:** Are you telling me that your car has more than half a million miles on the original struts? That's incredible. If you're going to keep the car, have new struts/shocks installed ASAP. Safety is the biggest concern. Dead shocks no longer properly control up and down wheel movement and load transfer. That means significantly less efficient "contact patches" between the tire tread surface and road. And that means the vehicle will no longer ride, stop or turn well.

Congratulations on reaching the half-million mile club; that's an amazing achievement. Do your car a favor—give it a new set of struts.

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## Life & Style

# 'Argo,' Lawrence, Day-Lewis win at SAG

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The CIA thriller "Argo" continues to steamroll through awards season, winning the top honor for overall cast performance at the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

SAG's lead-acting honors Sunday went to Jennifer Lawrence for her role as a troubled widow in a shaky new relationship in the lost-souls romance "Silver Linings Playbook" and Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War epic "Lincoln."

Anne Hathaway of "Les Misérables" and Tommy Lee Jones

of "Lincoln" won the supporting-acting honors.

"It occurred to me—it was an actor that murdered Abraham Lincoln," said Day-Lewis, a solid front-runner to join an exclusive list of three-time acting Oscar winners. "And therefore, somehow it is only so fitting that every now and then an actor tries to bring him back to life again."

It was a brisk, businesslike and fairly bland evening as the actors union handed out honors to a predictable lineup of winners who generally had tri-

umphed at earlier Hollywood ceremonies or past SAG shows.

The SAG cast win came a day after "Argo" claimed the top honor from the Producers Guild of America, whose winner often goes on to claim best picture at the Academy Awards. "Argo" also was a surprise victor two weeks ago at the Golden Globes, where it won best drama and director for Ben Affleck.

The awards momentum positions "Argo" for a rare feat at the Feb. 24 Oscars, where it could become just the fourth film in 85 years to be named

best picture without a nomination for its director.

"To me this has nothing to do with me, it has to do with the incredible people who were in this movie," said Affleck, who also stars in "Argo" and accepted the SAG prize alongside his cast.

A directing nomination at the Oscars usually goes hand in hand with a best-picture win. When Affleck was snubbed for a directing slot, awards analysts initially were counting "Argo" out for the best-picture Oscar, along with Kathryn Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty" and Tom

Hooper's "Les Misérables," which also missed out on directing nominations.

Only once in modern times has a film won best picture without a directing nomination, with 1989's "Driving Miss Daisy." The other two times came in the show's early years, at the first Oscars in 1929 with "Wings" and for 1932's "Grand Hotel."

But "Argo" has proven a resilient crowd-pleaser, dominating at awards shows since then over Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln," which leads the Oscars with 12 nominations.

The cast prize at SAG adds some weight to the Oscar prospects for "Argo," though the guild honor has a spotty record at forecasting eventual best-picture winners. Only eight of 17 times since the guild added the category has the cast winner gone on to take the best-

picture Oscar. "The Help" won the guild's cast prize last year, while Oscar voters named "The Artist" as best picture.

The next playoff round before the Oscars is Saturday's Directors Guild of America Awards, where Affleck, Bigelow, Spielberg and Hooper all are nominated, along with Ang Lee for "Life of Pi." The winner there typically goes on to triumph with directing and best-picture Oscars, but only Spielberg and Lee are nominated for both the Directors Guild and Oscar prizes this time, throwing the awards picture into a muddle.

Sunday's acting prizes solidify those categories, though. "Silver Linings" star Lawrence won a Golden Globe and has become one of Hollywood's hottest talents, with part two of her blockbuster franchise, "The

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### UN DANGKULO NA SI YU'US MA'ASE

As a Christian community, families and friends from near and far embraced us with much kindness, support, words of comfort and most especially the unconditional love, as we mourn the sudden passing of our dearly beloved

### †JOSEF JOACHIN

Our loss was tragic and difficult to endure, but with all the blessings that we received from everyone led us to the path of light and to believe that our beloved is now in peace in God's care.

We are lost with words that can sincerely express our gratitude to each one of you, but as we go our separate ways, our prayers and good thoughts go with you.

We are very grateful to Reverend Fr. Ryan Jimenez and members of the Clergy for the daily Eucharistic Celebration offered for our dearly beloved, most especially as we bring our dearly beloved to his final resting place. We are also thankful to the Olomwaay Choir for gracing us with the music and voices. For Alana'ia for always making him a part of you and dancing his way to freedom. To Tan Ko Palacios and the altar servers, thank you for your services. To Bishop Emeritus Tomas Camacho, thank you for your words of wisdom and visit and most especially our sincere THANK YOU to the CNMI Department of Public Safety for the solemn and profound services rendered to our Dearly Beloved.

In grateful appreciation, we the family of our beloved †JOSEF JOACHIN respectfully invite our families and friends to join us for the 18th day mass of intention for our beloved on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Appreciation breakfast will be served immediately after the mass at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

Un dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase from our hearts to yours, and may his laughter and pleasant personality be instilled in our hearts as our keepsake.

May God's graces and blessings be upon us now and always.

**Izeiah Walter S. De Leon Guerrero**

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### WINNERS' LIST

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A complete list of winners at Sunday's 19th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards:

#### MOVIES:

**Actor:** Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln"

**Actress:** Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"

**Supporting actor:** Tommy Lee Jones, "Lincoln"

**Supporting actress:** Anne Hathaway, "Les Misérables"

**Cast:** "Argo"

**Stunt ensemble:** "Skyfall"

#### TELEVISION:

**Actor in a movie or miniseries:**

Kevin Costner "Hatfields & McCoy's"

**Actress in a movie or miniseries:** Julianne Moore, "Game Change"

**Actor in a drama series:** Bryan Cranston, "Breaking Bad"

**Actress in a drama series:** Claire Danes, "Homeland"

**Actor in a comedy series:** Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock"

**Actress in a comedy series:** Tina Fey, "30 Rock"

**Drama series cast:** "Downton Abbey"

**Comedy series cast:** "Modern Family"

**Stunt ensemble:** "Game of Thrones"

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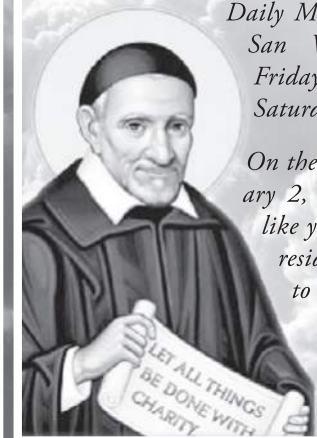
*We the family, invite all our relatives and friends to join us in commemorating the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved father and friend.*

*Daily Mass will offered at 6:00pm at San Vicente Church, beginning Friday, January 25, 2013 through Saturday, February 2, 2013.*

*On the final day on Saturday, February 2, 2013, after Mass, we would like you to join us for dinner at our residence in Garapan, located next to Himawari.*

*Thank you.*

*The Family*





# 'Hansel & Gretel' nabs \$19M, No. 1 at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" cooked up \$19 million in its opening weekend.

Paramount's R-rated action film update on the classic fairytale topped the box office, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Hansel & Gretel" features Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton as grown-up renditions of the title characters battling witches with crossbows.

Don Harris, Paramount's president of distribution, blamed icy weather on the East Coast for the film's not-so-be-witching debut.

"We got dinged a little bit with the weather on Friday, but overall we're pleased," said Harris, who added that "Hansel & Gretel" performed solidly internationally, earning \$25 million overseas.

Other films opening over the weekend in the U.S. and Canada didn't fare as well. The crime thriller "Parker," starring Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez, debuted in fifth place with \$7 million, while Relativity Media's raunchy ensemble comedy "Movie 43" opened in the seventh spot with \$5 million.

Universal's supernatural horror film "Mama" starring Jessica Chastain dropped to second place with \$12.8 million in its



Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton arrive at the premiere of "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" on Thursday Jan. 24, 2013, in Los Angeles.

second weekend.

Several best-picture Academy Awards contenders continued to benefit from Oscar buzz, as well as the motion picture academy's decision to move up this year's nomination announcement, giving nominees more time in theaters between the Jan. 10 nominations unveiling and the Feb. 24 ceremony.

"Silver Linings Playbook," which is up for eight Academy

Awards, came in third place over the weekend with \$10 million. The film starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence is in its 11th weekend of release and earned \$3 million overseas.

"Zero Dark Thirty," the Osama bin Laden manhunt drama also starring Chastain, dropped to fourth place with \$9.8 million. It's competing in five categories at the Academy Awards and nabbed \$3.6 mil-

lion internationally.

"Django Unchained," which is nominated for five Oscars, took in \$5 million in sixth place, and the musical "Les Misérables," which is up for eight Academy Awards, earned \$3.9 million in the 10th position. It was the fifth weekend for both films. "Django" topped the international chart with \$47.9 million in 65 total territories.

1. "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters," \$19 million (\$25 million international).
2. "Mama," \$12.8 million.
3. "Silver Linings Playbook," \$10 million (\$3 million international).
4. "Zero Dark Thirty," \$9.8 million (\$3.6 million international).
5. "Parker," \$7 million.
6. "Django Unchained," \$5 million (\$42.9 million international).
7. "Movie 43," \$5 million (\$2.8 million international).
8. "Gangster Squad," \$4.2 million (\$6.8 million international).
9. "Broken City," \$4 million (\$500,000 international).
10. "Les Misérables," \$3.9 million (\$14 million international).

## ARGO

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Hunger Games: Catching Fire," due out in November.

"Now I have this naked statue that means some of you even voted for me, and that is an indescribable feeling," Lawrence said after explaining she earned her SAG card at age 14 by filming a spot for MTV.

Hathaway won for her role as a doomed single mother forced into prostitution in the adaptation of the stage musical based on Victor Hugo's epic novel. Her win came over four past Oscar recipients—Sally Field, Helen Hunt, Nicole Kidman and Maggie Smith.

"I'm just thrilled I have dental," Hathaway said. "I got my SAG card when I was 14. It felt like the beginning of the world. I have loved every single min-

ute of my life as an actor. ... Thank you for nominating me alongside incredible women and incredible performances."

Jones, who was not at the show, won for his turn as abolitionist firebrand Thaddeus Stevens in the Civil War epic. The win improves his odds to become a two-time Academy Award winner. He previously won a supporting-actor Oscar for "The Fugitive."

Day-Lewis, a two-time Oscar winner for "My Left Foot" and "There Will Be Blood," could become the fifth actor to earn three Oscars, along with Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson, Ingrid Bergman and Walter Brennan. Katharine Hepburn has the acting record with four Oscars.

Backstage at SAG, Day-Lewis was hardly ready to predict a third Oscar win.

"There's a good chance I won't. I feel the same way at all these oc-

casions. Mostly, we're traveling as a group, the fellow nominees, give or take one here or there," Day-Lewis said. "I would happily recognize any single one person whose name is called."

On SAG's television side, with "30 Rock" ending its run, its stars Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin won the SAG awards for best comedy performers. It was Baldwin's seventh-straight win, while Fey earned her fifth SAG prize.

"Oh, my God. It's ridiculous," Baldwin said. "It's the end of our show, which is sad. Everybody is sad about that. It was the greatest experience I've ever had."

Fey gave a plug for the show's finale airing Thursday, noting that it's up against "The Big Bang Theory."

"Just tape 'The Big Bang Theory' for once, for crying out loud," Fey said.

"Modern Family" won for best overall cast in a TV come-

dy show. Accepting for the cast, "Modern Family" co-star Jesse Tyler Ferguson offered thanks to the makers of "30 Rock" and another departing series, "The Office," saying "you all have set the comedy bar so high."

Ferguson joked that if the "30 Rock" or "The Office" stars need jobs, they should contact the "Modern Family" casting director.

The TV drama acting awards went to Claire Danes of "Homeland" and Bryan Cranston of "Breaking Bad."

"It is so good to be bad," Cranston said.

"Downton Abbey" won the TV drama cast award.

Julianne Moore's turn as Sarah Palin in "Game Change" earned her the TV prize for best actress in a movie or miniseries. Kevin Costner won for best actor in a movie or miniseries for "Hatfields & McCoy's."

ensemble award." Best actor winner Daniel Day-Lewis on his co-stars in "Lincoln."

"Aren't we lucky that we found a line of work that doesn't require growing up?" Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement award recipient Dick Van Dyke, who received a lengthy standing ovation from his fellow actors.

"Now I have this naked statue that means some of you even voted for me, and that is an indescribable feeling. Thank you."—Best actress winner Jennifer Lawrence, speaking to fellow actors who awarded her a trophy for her performance in "Silver Linings Playbook."

## Quotes from the Screen Actors Guild Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Quotes from the 19th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards.

"I'm just so thrilled I have dental."—Best supporting actress winner Anne Hathaway after accepting her Screen Actors Guild award for her role in "Les Misérables."

"Just tape the 'Big Bang Theory' for once, for crying out loud."—Best supporting comedy actress winner Tina Fey, whose show "30 Rock" is ending its run this week and is going up against a show more popular in the ratings.

"To me this has nothing to do with me, it has to do with the

incredible people who were in this movie."—Ben Affleck, whose film "Argo" won for best movie cast.

"We are so not expecting this. Ahhhh, shut the French Windows. Will somebody grab this?"—Penelope Wilton, accepting the best drama ensemble Screen Actors Guild award for "Downtown Abbey."

"Oh, and my husband and my baby!"—Best actress in a drama series winner Claire Danes, who shouted thanks to her family after her acceptance speech appeared to be over and her fellow actors had started clapping.

"Oooh, it is so good to be bad. I am so pleased and so honored to receive this award."—Best actor in a drama series winner Bryan Cranston, who received his first Screen Actors Guild Award on Sunday night for "Breaking Bad."

"Oh my God. It's ridiculous."—Alec Baldwin on his seventh consecutive Screen Actors Guild win for best male actor in a comedy series for "30 Rock."

"My wonderful colleagues, every single cast member gave their characters the kiss of life. Have no doubt that this is an

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| Sunday   | 1:25 | 7:25 |      |
| Mon through Thurs                                  |      | 7:25 |      |
| Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen |      |      |      |
| Genre: Adventure • Rated R                         |      |      |      |

**Synopsis**  
Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton reimagine Hansel and Gretel grown-up as bounty hunters in this Paramount Pictures production. Will Ferrell's Gary Sanchez Prods. produces, with Dead Snow's Tommy Wirkola directing from a script by D.W. Harper. Famke Janssen co-stars.

| Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 2D                |  |      |  |
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| Mon through Thurs                                  |  | 4:25 |  |
| Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen |  |      |  |
| Genre: Adventure • Rated R                         |  |      |  |

| Lincoln   |      |      |            |
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| Sunday  | 1:00 | 4:30 | 7:30       |
| Mon through Thurs                                     |      | 4:30 | 7:30       |
| Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn |      |      |            |
| Genre: Drama • Rated PG 13                            |      |      |            |

**Synopsis**  
Steven Spielberg helms his long-in-the-making biopic of Abraham Lincoln for DreamWorks and Touchstone Pictures. Daniel Day-Lewis portrays the former head of state in the Tony Kushner-penned adaptation of Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, *Team of Rivals*, which chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War.

| The Last Stand                               |      |      |           |
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| Mon through Thurs                            |      | 4:05 | 7:05      |
| Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker |      |      |           |
| Genre: Action • Rated R                      |      |      |           |

**Synopsis**  
Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Sheriff Owens, a disgraced lawman who fled the LAPD to lord over the sleepy border town of Sommerton Junction, which becomes the only thing in the way of an escaped head of a drug cartel's path to freedom in Lionsgate's *The Last Stand*. I Saw the Devil's Kim Jee-woon directs from a script by Andrew Knauer and Jeffrey Nachmanoff.

| Mama  |      |      |           |
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| Mon through Thurs                             |      | 4:30 | 7:30      |
| Cast: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain |      |      |           |
| Genre: Horror • Rated PG 13                   |      |      |           |

| Broken City  |      |      |           |
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| Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe, Catherine Zeta-Jones |      |      |           |
| Genre: Drama • Rated R                                   |      |      |           |

| Gangsters Squad                            |      |      |           |
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| Mon through Thurs                          |      | 4:15 | 7:15      |
| Cast: Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Josh Brolin |      |      |           |
| Genre: Crime • Rated R                     |      |      |           |

| Les Misérables                                   |       |      |      |
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| Sunday   | 12:55 | 4:20 | 7:50 |
| Mon through Thurs                                |       | 4:20 | 7:50 |
| Cast: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway |       |      |      |
| Genre: Musical • Rated PG 13                     |       |      |      |

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## Man with a past hesitates to reveal it in the present

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 29-year-old man with a criminal record. I got involved in some fraud and embezzlement rings when I was in my early 20s, and served nine months before being released on parole.

Since then I have moved in with my mother, found a job, and I'm trying to be the man I know I'm capable of being. I have reached the point where I'd like to begin dating again.

The problem is, I don't know when the time is right to bring up my past. If I wait too long, my name is mud for not saying anything sooner. I want to do the right thing so I can stay on the right path. Can you help me?

A BETTER MAN IN NEW YORK



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR BETTER MAN:** I agree that the chapter of your life in which you were in prison is not something you should reveal on a first date. But do raise the subject around the fourth date, because by then the woman will have had a chance to get to know you.

When you bring it up, make it clear that you didn't go to jail for a violent crime and you're not on any offenders' list. If she likes you, she'll hear you out and understand that you don't plan to repeat your past mistakes. Men who have served their time can go on to lead successful lives, and tell her that you plan to be one of them.

■ ■ ■ ■

**DEAR ABBY:** I am blessed with two beautiful daughters. One is 13; the other is 4 months old. For 11 years my 13-year-old, "Lily," was my life. I had dated, but they were all Mr. Wrongs.

Two years ago I finally met a wonderful man, "Kevin." He is good to me, and he and Lily get along to a point, but he's shy and doesn't talk much. Kevin moved in with us a few months after I found out I was pregnant.

I try to include Lily in our new family, but she feels left out. She stays in her room and doesn't have much to do with Kevin. She wouldn't go with me to the baby's doctor appointments and pretty much ignores her new baby sister. I have told myself she'll come around, but it hasn't happened.

What can I do to assure Lily that I love her as much as I always have? I want our family to be happy. I hope to eventually marry Kevin. Lily's dad isn't very involved in her life. Every time I try to include Lily, she gets mad and says she doesn't want to do the family functions. Help, please.

WEST VIRGINIA MOM

**DEAR MOM:** Thirteen can be a difficult age and your work is cut out for you. You will have to be more proactive in order to make this arrangement function more like a family. Kevin may be shy, but he should be encouraged to make more of an effort to get to know Lily. As the adult, it is his job to break the ice and find something in common with her.

Also, Lily should not be allowed to hide out in her room and not participate in any activities. If you permit the status quo to continue, at some point she will start looking for a place where she feels she "belongs" in a situation beyond your control or supervision. If you are out of ideas on how to get your daughter to cooperate, then involve a family therapist to help you through the roadblocks.

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## Abrams on 'Star Wars': 'surreal' and 'exciting'

**BEVERLY HILLS, California** (AP)—J.J. Abrams calls getting assigned to direct the seventh live-action "Star Wars" film "as surreal as it is exciting."

The director-producer-writer spoke with a handful of media outlets on the red carpet before darting into the Producers Guild Awards on Saturday night. Abrams was there to accept the Norman Lear Achievement Award for such television

works as "Felicity" (1998-2002), "Alias" (2001-2006), "Lost" (2004-2010), "Fringe" (2008-2013) as well as the current series "Person of Interest" and "Revolution."

Abrams also is proving to be a go-to director of successful new films for long-established franchises, such as "Star Trek" and "Mission: Impossible."

Last week, Lucasfilm officially announced Abrams' hiring



Abrams

George Lucas personally endorsed Abrams in a statement: "I've consistently been impressed with J.J. as a

for "Star Wars: Episode VII," which has a tentative release date of 2015.

filmmaker and storyteller. He's an ideal choice to direct the new Star Wars film and the legacy couldn't be in better hands."

As for Abrams' plans for "Episode VII"?

"You know, obviously, it's so early," he replied. "I can just say what I want to do: I want to do the fans proud. I want to make sure the story is something that touches people. And we're just getting started. I'm very excited."

## Dick Van Dyke honored for lifetime achievement

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—He's acted, danced and sang his way through movies, television and the stage, making Dick Van Dyke an entertainment triple-threat long before Hollywood used such hyphenates.

The 87-year-old actor, best known for the 1960s hit comedy "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and Disney's big-screen musical "Mary Poppins," can now add lifetime achievement honoree. He picked up that honor at Sunday night's 19th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards.

"I've knocked around in this business for 70 years and I still haven't quite figured out exactly what it is I do," Van Dyke said after accepting his trophy from presenter Alec Baldwin.

"The years have been full of surprises for me and a lot of fun. Aren't we lucky to have found a line of work that doesn't require growing up?"

Van Dyke's career has spanned eight decades, starting with work as a disc jockey and a standup comic in the late '40s. He even worked as a national television morning-show host, with no less than Walter Cronkite serving as his news anchor.

But perhaps Van Dyke's most critical career break came in 1960, when director Gower Champion hired him as the male lead opposite Chita Rivera in the



AP

Actor Dick Van Dyke poses backstage with his life achievement award at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

new Broadway-bound stage musical "Bye Bye Birdie."

Van Dyke had no professional dance experience, and out-of-town tryouts did not go well.

Nevertheless, Champion refused to fire the actor, who would go on to New York with Rivera and win a Tony award for his performance.

## Smile, Tina Fey, you're on SAG Awards trophy cam

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Tina Fey had a surprise waiting when the "30 Rock" star arrived backstage at the Screen Actors Guild Awards to pick up her trophy.

After winning best comedy actress for the fifth time, Fey signed her name left-handed to the statuette receipt and agreement awaiting all winners at the trophy table on Sunday night.



Fey

Then she looked at her award and noticed the base was swathed in black duct tape.

"I got one with a camera," Fey said. "I saw the tape and

I thought it was broken."

She was told the attached camera would be following the award throughout the evening to record its activities. At that, she leaned over and whispered sweet words to what she called "trophy No. 775."

"I didn't expect to be out of my seat at all tonight," Fey said in the small room. "I thought I was going to get drunk."

## Kristofferson salutes Nelson with new award

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson don't get together as much as they'd like. When they do, something amazing usually happens.

This time Kristofferson awarded Nelson with the first Kris Kristofferson Award, the Nashville Songwriters Association International's new lifetime achievement award. Then the two played together Sunday night at The Bluebird Cafe.

"I really thought I was there giving you an award," Nelson joked with Kristofferson af-

terward during an interview on Nelson's bus. "I had a great speech. Next time."

The pair teamed on hits like "Crazy" and "Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down" as Jamey Johnson looked on from a corner and producer Fred Foster watched from a stage-side table during an invitation-only gathering at the venue known as a songwriter's showcase.

The 76-year-old Kristofferson joked he was embarrassed the NSAI named the award after him. He's a founding member

of the songwriter's organization and like the 79-year-old Nelson a member of its hall of fame.

"If I had seen what's happening right now before right now I would've thought I was dreaming because when I came to Nashville, Nashville was the most exciting place for a creative artist to be," Kristofferson told the crowd. "And the people I hung around with were serious songwriters who were totally unselfish, and their hero and my hero was a guy that nobody else knew. It was Willie Nelson. He's unlike anybody else."

## Ono, Steinem join online campaign to empower women

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The artist, the feminist and the model are joining others worldwide to empower women in the marketplace through ethically-themed fashion.

The campaign, called Imagination 365, is led by Maiden Nation, an online social platform.

Yoko Ono, Gloria Steinem and Lauren Bush contributed by designing pieces of jewelry that express their vision.

Other designers live in countries including Poland, Afghanistan, India, Argentina and South Africa. Four are teenagers from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Proceeds from the sales goes to causes chosen by the designers, such as helping Japanese girls after the 2011 nuclear meltdown or job training in Haiti.



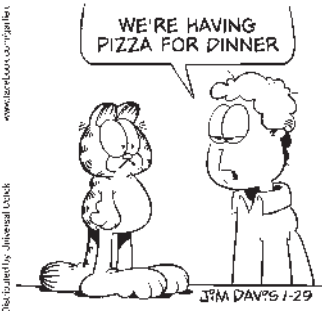
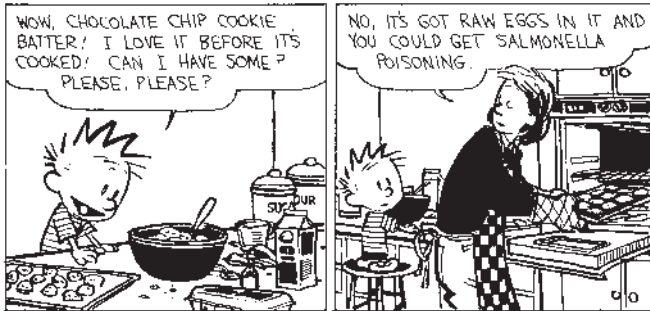
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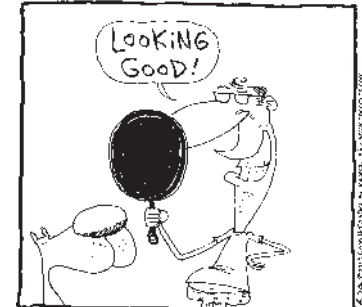
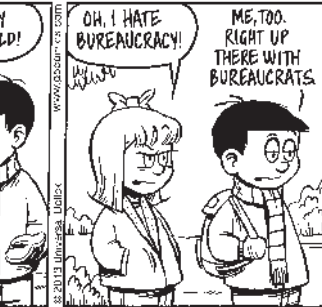


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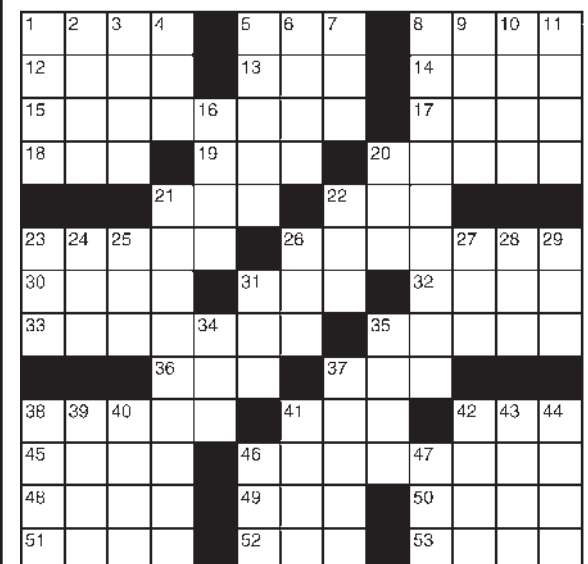
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- 20 **Any** of 150 in the Bible
- 21 **Doorstep** item
- 22 **Lemon** meringue, e.g.
- 23 **Sacrifice** site
- 26 **Spa** fixture
- 30 **The Red** and the Black
- 31 **Formal** wear
- 32 **Start a** garden
- DOWN**
- 1 **Fourth** dimension
- 2 **Leading** man?
- 3 **Untouch-**able
- 4 **Petrol**
- 5 **Aspect**
- 6 **Entice**
- 7 **Guitar's** cousin
- 8 **Some** physio-therapists
- 9 **Vicinity**
- 10 **Small** stream
- 11 **At peace**
- 16 **Some-**where
- 20 **Snapshot**
- 21 **Chief** who befriended the Pilgrims
- 22 **Latin** for "peace"
- 23 **Fire** residue
- 24 **Zodiac** cat
- 25 **Tit** for —
- 26 **Stick** out
- 27 **Buddhist** sect
- 28 **Wye** follower
- 29 **Egos'** counter-parts
- 31 **Male** turkey
- 34 **Fruit** stone
- 35 **Jokes**
- 37 **Squander**
- 38 **False** god
- 39 **Sea** eagle
- 40 **Perfor-**mances
- 41 **Poison**
- 42 **Door** opener
- 43 **Morays,** e.g.
- 44 **On**
- 46 **Crazy**
- 47 **Superla-**tive suffix

Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 1-29



## STUMPED?

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Sara Gilbert, 38; Heather Graham, 43; Oprah Winfrey, 59; Tom Selleck, 68.

**Happy Birthday:** Look at your partnerships and consider what you can do to improve connections with peers, relatives and your lover. Decipher what it is you want and make a concerted effort to reach your goals in all aspects of life. Change will help you expand your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. Don't limit what you can accomplish. Your numbers are 7, 11, 18, 25, 32, 34, 46.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Stay alert. Someone may try to manipulate you if you aren't careful. Know your boundaries and stick to a practical plan. Assisting people or causes is fine, but not if it's going to stand in the way of personal or professional progress. \*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can waste time or make things happen. Arguing or trying to get help when it's clear you should be working on your own will be your downfall. Preparation will be your best friend. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Share your thoughts and follow through with your plans. Letting emotional matters stand in your way will turn out to be costly. It's important to develop your own style or way of doing things. \*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You'll have a good look at the possibility that is just ahead of you, and there will be no time to waste if you want to take advantage of

what's to come. Don't hem and haw when you should be decisive and confident. \*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): An opportunity to make a professional move or to raise your standard of living or reputation is apparent. Jump at any chance you get to travel or to get involved in something quite different from what you've done in the past. \*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can stabilize your position within relationships that are important to you. Don't exaggerate when honesty will be your ticket to a better future. Love is in the stars and socializing will bring you closer to someone you think is special. \*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll know exactly what to say in order to get what you want. Networking will prove to be beneficial as you meet people who have connections you can use to get ahead. Include someone you hold dear to your heart in your plans. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid complications involving your domestic situation. You cannot win if you are stubborn and refuse to compromise. You can share your thoughts, but don't intentionally lead someone in the wrong direction. Love and romance are in the stars. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a moment to plan your actions. It won't take much to get negative feedback from someone looking for different results. Change will be necessary, but it has to be something that is wanted by everyone involved. Look before you leap. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a financial move that will help you accumulate more money. An investment that is solid but unique will allow you to make a professional move. Love is highlighted, and spending time with someone special will make your day. \*\*\*\*\*



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your thoughts a secret if you feel it will cause a problem with someone you love and respect. You are best to put more time and effort into your surroundings. Comfort coupled with convenience and functionality should be your goal. \*\*\*



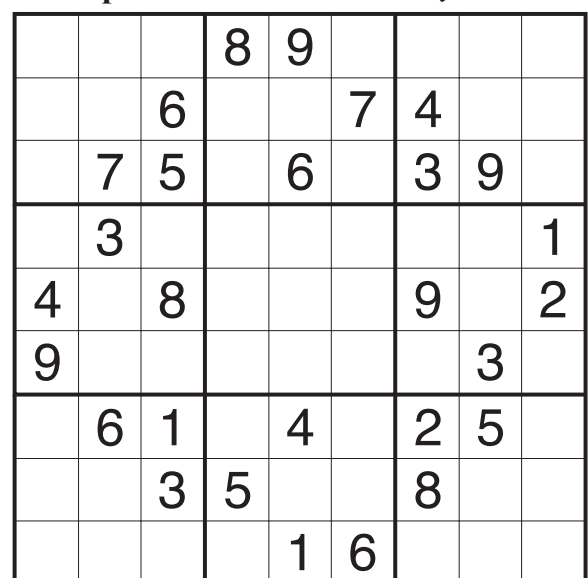
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everything will be plain and simple. You'll have to dig deep to find out what is actually going on with peers and colleagues. You are best to secure your financial position any way you can. Excess will be the enemy. Stick close to home. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are particular, thoughtful and intelligent. You are creative and patient. Eugenia's website—[eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](http://twitter.com/eugenialast).

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

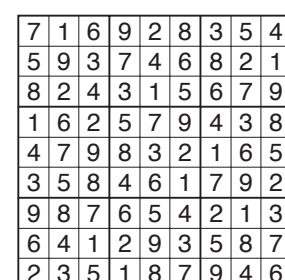


Difficulty Level ★★

1/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WINTER IN IOWA

Solution: 8 letters



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Yesterday's Answer: Smoker

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**POSITION: HOUSEKEEPING (5)**  
**Qualification:** Minimum of 3 years of experience and training in hotel & resort operation. Must be able to work flexible hours and night shift. Must be able to communicate clearly with managers & other personnel. Self motivated, able to work under minimum supervision, trustworthiness and good working ethics. Courteous and prompt to respond to guest request and needs. Must be able to work for extended periods as per demand.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Responsible for creating and maintaining a clean and comfortable environment for hotel guests. Replace used linens, sanitize bathrooms and set up the rooms according to hotels standards. Carry linens, towels, toiletries and cleaning supplies using wheeled carts. Empty waste baskets, empty and clean ashtrays and transport other trash and waste to disposal areas. Clean hallways, lobbies, lounges, restrooms, corridors, stairways, locker rooms and other work area so that health standards are met. Observe precautions required to protect hotel and guest property and report damage, theft and found articles to supervisors. Replenish supplies such as drinking glasses, linens, writing supplies and bathroom items. Clean rugs, carpets, upholstered furniture, and draperies, using vacuum cleaners and shampooers. Dust and polish furniture and equipment. Keep storage area and carts well-stocked, clean and tidy. Disinfect equipment and supplies, using germicides or steam operated sterilizers.

**POSITION: WAITER/WAITRESS (8)**  
**Qualification:** Minimum of 2 years experience and training in hotel & resort operation. Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and function. Good customer service, communication and interpersonal skills. Listen to, understand information through spoken words and sentences. Speak clearly so others can understand you. Identify and understand the speech of another person.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Serve food & beverage to guest, provide courteous professional, efficient and flexible service in order to maximize guest satisfaction. Present menus to patrons and answer questions about menu items, making recommendation upon request. Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons, and prepare or serve specialty dishes at tables as required. Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff. Check with customers to ensure that they are enjoying their meals and take actions to correct any problems. Prepare hot, cold and mixed drinks for patrons and chill bottles of wine. Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and collect payment from customers. Clean tables or counters after patrons have finished dining.

**POSITION: CHIEF ACCOUNTANT (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have a bachelor degree in Accountancy, CPA a plus. Minimum of 3 years experience as chief accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Report to CFO regarding finances of the company. Prepare, examine or analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Develop, maintain and analyze budgets, preparing periodic reports that compare budgeted costs to actual costs. Develop, implement, modify, and document recordkeeping and accounting system, making use of current computer technology. Prepare report and schedule for audit. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements. Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments, and obligations to project future revenues and expenses or to provide advice.

**POSITION: ACCOUNTANT (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have a bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience as accountant. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Prepare bi-weekly and monthly payroll and maintain confidentiality and other related records. Take charge of accounts payable and accounts receivable. Maintain general ledger, accounting system, analyze accounts and prepare adjustment as needed. Assists with fixed assets and inventory system and record-keeping. Check daily deposit before depositing to the bank. Assist the chief accountant in the preparation of weekly, monthly and year end report.

**POSITION: ASSISTANT CHEF WESTERN CUISINE (1)**  
**Qualification:** Minimum 5 years experience and training. Knowledge of standards of food preparation, serves and observe kitchen procedures. Reliable, responsible and dependable in fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and function.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Check the quality of raw or cooked food products to ensure that standards are met. Supervise or coordinate activities of cooks or workers engaged in food preparation to ensure timely delivery of patrons order. Order or requisition food or other supplies needed to ensure efficient operation. Instruct cooks or other workers to check the quality and quantity of received products and in preparation, cooking, garnishing or presentation of food. Determine how food should be presented and create decorative food displays. Inspect supplies, equipment and food preparation areas to ensure conformance to safe and sanitary food-handling practices and established company standards.

**POSITION: SUPERVISOR, LANDSCAPE (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have 7 years of experience and training in the field of Golf Course Industry. Must be reliable, responsible and dependable in fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work flexible hours.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in landscaping, cultivating lawns, pruning trees and shrubs or grounds keeping activities. Establish and enforce operating procedures and work standards that will ensure adequate performance and personnel safety. Train workers in tasks such as transplanting or pruning trees or shrubs, finishing cement, using equipment or caring for turf. Monitor project activities to ensure that instructions are followed, deadlines are met and schedules are maintained. Schedules work for crews, depending on work priorities, crew or equipment availability, or weather condition. Inventory supplies of tools, equipment or materials to ensure that sufficient supplies are available and items are in usable condition. Confer with other supervisors to coordinate work activities with those of other departments.

**POSITION: MACHINIST (1)**  
**Qualification:** Must have 5 years of experience and training. Must have overall knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance. Knowledge of mechanics, mathematics, metal properties, layout and machining procedures.  
**Duties and responsibilities:** Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments. Fabricate, modify or repair mechanical instruments or parts to make or repair machine tools or maintain industrial machines. Calculate dimensions or tolerance, using instruments such as micrometers or vernier calipers. Machine parts to specifications, using machine tools, such as lathes, milling machines, shapers or grinders. Set up, adjust or operate basic or specialized machine tools used to perform precision machining operations. Align and secure holding fixtures, cutting tools, attachments, accessories, or materials onto machines. Monitor the feed and speed of machines during the machining process. Maintain machine tools in proper operational condition.

**Drop off your resume and application at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort at the Front Office, Kagman Road**  
**May submit resume online at: [tmatsunaga@laolaoabay.com](mailto:tmatsunaga@laolaoabay.com)**

**Deadline to submit application: February 15, 2013, on or before 5:00pm**  
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1 – Caregiver. Salary \$5.55 per hour. 2 years experience. Call Patricia Worley at 670-433-0234.

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### Job Vacancy Announcement

**Marketing Representative / Delivery Man (2 positions) \$5.55/hour**  
Qualification Requirements:  
\*SOC ONet 41-4011.00 \*Must have a 2 college degree with at least 2 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a high school diploma with possessing minimum 5 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

**Marketing Assistant Manager (1 position) \$6.50/hour**  
Qualification Requirements:  
\*SOC ONet 11-2021.00 \*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 8 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

**Office Adm/Operations Manager (1 position) \$7.00/hour**  
Qualification Requirements:  
\*SOC synthesized ONet 11-1021.00 & 11-3011.00\*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 4 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a high-school diploma with possessing minimum 10 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Holding a valid CNMI driver's license \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

**Purchasing Administrative Assistant (2 positions) \$6.50/hour**  
Qualification Requirements:  
\*SOC ONet 11-3061.00 \*Must have a 4-college degree with at least 2 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry or a 2-year college degree with at least 6 year fulltime relevant work experience in a non-alcohol beverage wholesale industry \*Well knowledge in Chinese merchandise and export government regulations and processing \*Fluent in Chinese speaking, listening, reading and writing \*Able to work under pressure with flexible work hours \*Willing to travel frequently \*Good in basic business math with honest personal characters

Interested applicants please submit a resume with supporting documents to APEX Corporation, Contact Person: Michael Zhang or Peter Xu, Fax number: (670) 288-3389 before 5:00 P.M., February 4, 2013. Thank you.

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Vimar Offshore, Inc. dba Manic Inn. Email resume with job references to manicinn@pticom.com.

**XYC CORPORATION**  
Job Vacancy Annoucement

**(1) Manager, (1) Car Washer & (1) Tire Repairer**

Must have at least 2 – 5 years work related experience

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XYC CORPORATION, DANDAN TIRE SHOP (ACROSS JOETEN DANDAN)

**EWGE Corporation**  
Job vacancy announcement

**Sales Clerk -2 positions**  
5 years experience

Requirements:

- High school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Neat in appearance and ability to communicate well with customers (excellent salesmanship qualities a must)
- self motivated - police and medical clearance required at interview
- flexible work hours
- clean background check ( no ior criminal convictions) must be reliable, honest and trustworthy
- the ability to run the entire operation within two weeks of starting
- excellent computer skills proficient in Word and Excel
- required to clean and mop the floor of the shop daily also clean exterior windows
- 18 years or older with transportation
- 5.55 per hr

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**Job Vacancy Annoucement**

(1) Store Manager – minimum 5 years of work related experience, must speak, write and read Chinese and Japanese. Flexible working hours. Rate \$5.55 to \$6.00/hr.

(4) Sales Associate – Minimum 3 years experience in selling. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service, preferably knows how to speak and read Chinese and Japanese. Flexible working hours. Rate \$5.55/hr.

(1) Accountant – Must have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting with a minimum of 5 years work related experience. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, MYOB/AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software. Effective oral and written communication skills. Rate \$5.55 to \$7.50/hr.

Applicants should mail their resume with job references to  
PMB 1118 Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 or call 233-0017.  
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**Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School**  
Is requesting applicants for:

**Accountant/Business Manager (1)**

- Minimum 5 years experience in Seventh-day Adventist School;
- Minimum 5 years experience in a managerial capacity;
- Bachelor's degree in accounting;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Knowledge in Quickbooks accounting software preferred;
- Minimum 2 years work experience in a Christian school;

**Elementary Teacher (1)**

- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education required;
- NAD denominational degree preferred;
- Must be qualified to teach elementary English;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a Christian school

**Pre-School Teachers (3)**

- Bachelor's degree required;
- Two years of early childhood teaching experience required;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;
- Minimum 2 years teaching experience in a Christian school;

**Pre-School Assistant Teacher**

- Minimum 2 years of college required;
- Two years of early childhood classroom teaching experience required;
- Must be a member in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Must be willing to adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Send resumes to:  
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**CGI, INC.**  
Job Vacancy Annoucement

**(2) Commercial Cleaner,** High School graduate w/ 5yrs of work related experience. Must have own transportation to job sites. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.55.

**(2) House Worker,** High School graduate w/ 5yrs minimum experience. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.55.

Please submit your resume to tes\_cabaltica@hotmail.com or apply at V.S. Sablan Plaza in Chalan Piao. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

**BLUE SKY INT'L SAIPAN CORP.**  
Job Vacancy Annoucement

**(1) SALES MANAGER**  
**(4) SALES & MARKETING ASSOCIATES**

At least High School Graduate, 3 yrs. experience, must have a valid Driver's License, No criminal background, computer literate, and bilingual. Please submit your latest resume at our Garapan Office, Saipan. Across Johnny's Bar or email your resume at hancalouisa2010@126.com

**Saipan Triple Star Recycling Inc.**

**Job Vacancy Annoucement**

**1 – General Manager.** Salary \$5.55 p/h. 10 years working experience. Chinese speaking preferred. Knowledge in managing more than 20 employees. Familiar with recycling procedures a plus.

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**7 – Assistant Manager.** Salary \$5.55 p/h. 5 years experience required. Must fulfill job assignment from Managers.

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**1 – HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

High school diploma with (5) years minimum work related experience. Able to operate several types of heavy equipment including but not limited to Backhoe/Loader, Road Grader, Tractor/Trailer Combo, Bulldozer, Hydraulic Crane. Load weights and check them against lifting capacities to prevent overload. Move levers, depress foot pedals, or turn dials to operate cranes, or other moving equipment for lifting, moving, or placing loads. Learn and follow safety regulations. Take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects. Clean, lubricate and inspect mechanisms or accessories such as cables, pulleys, or grappling devices to prevent malfunctions or damage. Perform routine maintenance of equipment. Must have knowledge in troubleshooting and able to diagnose problem or malfunction and make repairs as necessary.

Interested qualified applicants can submit their resume and latest police clearance via e-mail to saipan@aicconstruction.com or mail to AIC Marianas, Inc., PMB 564 PPP Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: February 1, 2013

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**PARTS SALES PERSON (2)**

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Expertise in commercial vehicle and heavy equipment parts

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**MARIANAS EXCHANGE, INC.**  
**Saipan Plaza Building**  
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**PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN**  
is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

**(3) TEPPENYAKI COOK**  
Minimum five (5) years work related experience;  
Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

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Minimum five (5) years related work experience;  
Certified Water treatment & Distribution operator preferred;  
Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

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PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance.  
A copy of valid police clearance (less than 6 months old) must be attached to the application.  
Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.  
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**HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**

**(02) REGISTERED NURSE**

- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN License
- At least two to five years experience
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- English Language skills- Proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Must be flexible in time schedule

Please submit application or resume to Health Professional Corporation dba Saipan Health Clinic at Chalan Kiya, Saipan or call Judy Arriola at (670) 234-2901 ext. 124 for more information.

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AP

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) of the AFC attempts to chase down Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) of the NFC in the third quarter of the NFL Pro Bowl football game in Honolulu, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

NFC blows out AFC in Pro Bowl in Hawaii, 62-35

**HONOLULU** (AP)—A handful of shenanigans and plenty of points—yet still another hum Pro Bowl.

Whether the NFL’s all-star game will return next season is a something the league will ponder the next few months after the NFC’s 62-35 blowout of the AFC on Sunday.

“It’s been an unbelievable week,” Seattle rookie quarterback Russell Wilson said, “And the thing was, if you watched us, everybody was competing today and it was really awesome.”

Wilson at least got the crowd pumped up in the second half with some nifty scrambles and three passing touchdowns. There was also Houston’s sack-happy defensive end J.J. Watt going out for a couple of passes as a wide receiver, and retiring Green Bay center Jeff Saturday snapping to two Mannings on opposite teams.

But while the NFC appeared unstoppable on offense, with nearly each player putting up fantasy-worthy lines in limited play, the AFC had five turnovers and scored most of its points well after the game was no longer competitive.

Minnesota tight end Kyle Rudolph was voted the game’s MVP with five catches for 122 yards and a touchdown.

“Guys were competing, guys wanted to win and guys want to keep the game here,” Rudolph insisted. “That was the point before the game. We want to keep this game rolling for future Pro Bowlers.”

Watt, who had 20 1/2 sacks for Houston, lined up as a wide receiver on the AFC’s third play from scrimmage, but missed a pass from Denver quarterback Peyton Manning. He was targeted one more time, but didn’t make a catch.

He later showed a television camera a bloody left pinkie, joking with NBC broadcasters that it was proof that the players were trying.

“Hey, Commish, we’re playing hard,” Watt said as he showed his finger.

Roger Goodell has said the Pro Bowl won’t be played again if play didn’t improve this year. Last year, fans in Hawaii booed as lineman were clearly not trying. On one play in that game, Minnesota defensive end Jared Allen did a barrel roll to switch positions with a teammate.

If players were coasting this time around, it was less obvious. The AFC just played poorly. And fans didn’t boo much—the stands were relatively empty even though the game sold enough tickets to lift a local television blackout.

The game was trending on Twitter in the

United States early on, but quickly gave way to the Screen Actors Guild Awards and the WWE Royal Rumble.

Saturday, retiring at the end of this season, played for both teams, though he came representing the NFC. He lined up on one play for the AFC to snap the ball one last time to Manning, his longtime former Colts teammate.

Saturday said it meant a lot to him that the Broncos quarterback, whom Saturday called a true friend, orchestrated the stunt.

“He’s got a little more pull than I got,” Saturday said. “He got it all set up and timed up for me, so it was really nice of him to do that.”

Saturday played 13 seasons in Indianapolis, all with Manning—except 2011, when Manning was out with a neck injury. Saturday then played later in the game for the NFC, snapping to Peyton’s brother, Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

Saturday’s last play on the field was a passing touchdown by Eli Manning.

Peyton Manning said it was nice for the NFL to allow the play to happen.

“It’s something that I’ll always remember,” he said, “that he’ll always remember to kind of get that one, final snap together after the thousands that we’ve taken together.”

Even as the NFC piled up touchdowns, the game struggled for memorable moments after Saturday’s momentary switch.

In the second quarter, referee Ed Hochuli drew cheers when announcing a pass interference penalty on Denver cornerback Champ Bailey in the second quarter—the first flag of the game.

“Yes, there are penalties in the Pro Bowl,” Hochuli said, drawing laughs and loud cheers.

Giants wideout Victor Cruz broke a Pro Bowl record with 10 catches. Tampa Bay receiver Vincent Jackson had 91 yards and two touchdowns. Eli Manning threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Cincinnati’s A.J. Green had three TD catches for the AFC.

NFL officials said earlier in the week that the league wants to decide the future of the Pro Bowl by the time next season’s schedule is released in April.

“We understood exactly what (Goodell) wanted, guys were making plays all over the field,” Cruz said. “There was a little bit more high intensity than in years past and we were excited to play.”



# Kobe leads Lakers past Thunder, 105-96



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kobe Bryant had 21 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds, Steve Nash added seven of his 17 points in the final 5 1/2 minutes, and the Los Angeles Lakers held off the NBA-leading Oklahoma City Thunder 105-96 Sunday.

Pau Gasol scored 16 points in a reserve role as the Lakers picked up the most impressive victory of their thoroughly unimpressive season, coolly maintaining a small lead down the stretch of their second straight win after a four-game skid.

Los Angeles had lost nine of its last 11 against the powerful Thunder, including four of five in the clubs' second-round play-off series last spring.

Kevin Durant scored 35 points and Russell Westbrook had 17 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds for the road-weary Thunder, who finished their longest trip of the season at 3-3.

Bryant and Westbrook briefly tangled in the third quarter in an exchange that earned a technical foul for Kobe. Both All-Star guards entered the fourth quarter needing just one rebound for a triple-double, but neither got it.

Westbrook also missed his first eight shots and 12 of his first 13 before finding his shot, but the Lakers didn't wilt down the stretch.

Los Angeles took the lead with 6:15 to play on a jumper by Metta World Peace, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds. The Lakers nursed a small advantage in the final minutes, going up 101-95 on Gasol's driving layup with 1:09 to play.

Bryant then hit a tough 19-foot jumper with 37 seconds left, and Westbrook couldn't answer. Durant didn't have a field goal in the final 6:39, scoring just seven points in the fourth quarter of Oklahoma City's third loss in 11 games.

Oklahoma City routed the Lakers at Staples Center 16 days ago, with Durant scoring 42 points and Westbrook adding 27 while Los Angeles played without Dwight Howard and Gasol.

Howard had eight points and 10 rebounds while fighting foul trouble and missing eight of his 10 free throws. Bryant and Nash led a passionate effort by the Lakers, whose season-long missteps and embarrassments have left them well out of the playoff picture heading into the second half of the season.

The Lakers got off to another solid start against the Thunder, with Antawn Jamison leading a 13-2 run spanning the first two quarters. Westbrook's awful shooting balanced Howard's 1-for-8 woes at the free-throw line in the first half, but Westbrook finally hit his first shot with 8 seconds left to put the Thunder up 53-52 at halftime.

The teams traded the lead 14

times in the first three quarters, entering the fourth tied at 75 despite the Lakers' 12-for-24 effort at the free-throw line and Westbrook's erratic shooting. Bryant also got a technical foul for a brief exchange with Westbrook, who fouled the Lakers star and then bumped him with a shoulder after Bryant put his hand on him.

Westbrook got a technical foul of his own with 5:22 to play after arguing a no-call.

## Celtics 100, Heat 98

In Boston, Paul Pierce hit a go-ahead jumper with 31 seconds left in the second overtime and the Boston Celtics beat the Miami Heat, then learned All-Star point guard Rajon Rondo will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Rondo will have surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He was hurt late in Boston's 123-112 loss, also in two overtimes, to the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

It was the first game in Boston for Ray Allen since he left the Celtics after five seasons and signed as a free agent with Miami. He scored 21 points.

Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Pierce added 17 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists for the Celtics, who ended a six-game losing streak, their longest in six seasons.

LeBron James scored 34 points for the Heat, who had won four in a row.

## Knicks 106, Hawks 104

In New York, Carmelo Anthony tied a franchise record with nine 3-pointers, then converted a go-ahead, three-point play with 12.5 seconds left to cap a 42-point night and lead the Knicks to the victory.

The Hawks shot a season-high 60 percent from the field but had their three-game winning streak snapped when Josh Smith, burned on Anthony's basket, missed a 3-pointer on Atlanta's final possession.

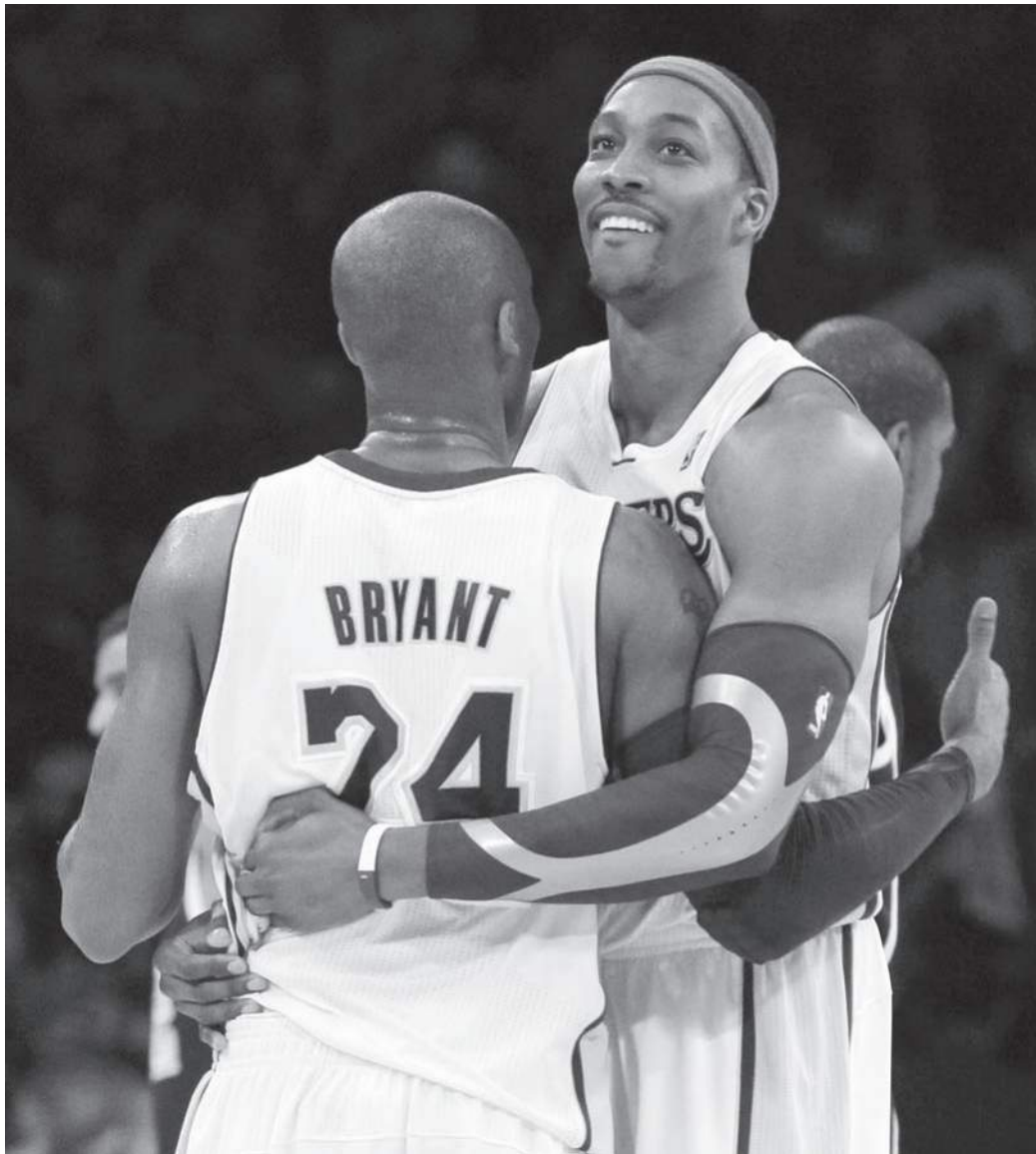
Amare Stoudemire and J.R. Smith each had 18 points for the Knicks, who were 16 of 27 (59 percent) from 3-point range. Raymond Felton had 12 points and 10 assists in his second game back after a 10-game absence with a broken right pinky.

Jeff Teague scored 27 points for the Hawks. Smith added 20 and Al Horford had 16.

## Clippers 96, Trail Blazers 83

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 23 points and nine assists, helping the Clippers stop a four-game losing streak.

Clippers star Chris Paul missed his fourth straight game and seventh in the past nine because of a bruised right kneecap. Eric Bledsoe had 10 points, five assists and five rebounds in his seventh start at point guard, and Lamar Odom added eight points, 13 rebounds and six assists.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) and center Dwight Howard (12) celebrate their 105-96 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder in an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

## Celtics' Rondo tears right ACL; season over

**BOSTON** (AP)—Boston Celtics star point guard Rajon Rondo will miss the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

The news came during Boston's 100-98 double-overtime win over the Miami Heat on Sunday in which Ray Allen returned to his old home court for the first time.

"New guys are going to get an opportunity now," Boston forward Paul Pierce said. "These guys haven't had a chance to really showcase what they can do."

For the past five seasons, Pierce, Allen and Kevin Garnett made up the Big Three. After Allen signed with the Heat as a free agent in the offseason, Rondo joined that group—and became the team leader with his ability to run the offense.

He was chosen as the starting point guard for the Eastern Conference in the All-Star game in Houston on Feb. 17.

Now the Celtics hope he can be ready for the start of next season.

"How far is that?" coach Doc Rivers said, "I don't even know how long that is. Eight months? Nine months? So he'll probably be ready, but I don't know."

Rondo injured his right knee in Friday night's 123-112 dou-

ble-overtime loss in Atlanta, a game in which the Celtics blew a 27-point lead, but Rivers said he didn't know when.

He reported to the TD Garden on Sunday for a pregame shootaround but was taken to a hospital after complaining of pain.

The initial report was a hyperextended knee, but tests showed the ACL tear.

Rivers said he learned about 25 minutes before the game that Rondo wouldn't play. Word of the injury's severity came during the game.

"He was telling me he thought he pulled his hamstring," Rivers said, "Rondo will be fine. He just will not be fine this year."

The team made the announcement during Sunday's win in the nationally televised game that snapped a losing streak that had reached six games despite back-to-back triple-doubles by Rondo.

"We've just got to rally around each other," Pierce said. "I feel for him. He was having such a good season. It's disappointing news."

As Celtics players walked off the court through a tunnel toward their locker room, Rondo, dressed in street clothes, greeted them.

"I know he's sad. I'm sad for him," starting guard Avery Bradley said. "Whatever Doc

wants me to play, that's what I'm going to do."

Rondo was averaging career highs of 13.7 points and 5.6 rebounds along with 11.1 assists this season.

Still, the Celtics are struggling to remain around .500, finishing the day with a 21-23 record, 2 1/2 games ahead of the Philadelphia 76ers for the eighth and final spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Celtics have no true point guard behind Rondo. Rivers said he didn't know if they would try to add one.

Jason Terry, known for his outside shooting, Courtney Lee, Leandro Barbosa and Bradley are the other guards. Each played at least 25 minutes Sunday with Lee starting in Rondo's place.

"We knew something was up at the beginning, but we didn't know how serious it was," Lee said. "Nobody can fill his shoes. That's what makes him great. So the only thing we can do is work as hard as possible and keep the momentum going from this game and have no letup."

Rondo suffered a dislocated left elbow in the playoffs on May 7, 2011, when he became entangled with Miami's Dwyane Wade.

Boston won 97-81, but Miami won the next two games to clinch the second-round series in five games.

All-Star forward LaMarcus Aldridge led the Trail Blazers with 21 points and 11 rebounds. It was Portland's seventh loss in nine games, and it came in the second part of a home-and-home set with the Clippers.

Portland trailed 74-59 after a driving layup by Bledsoe with 3:15 left in the third quarter. Griffin didn't play after going to the bench with 10 seconds left in the third and the Clippers leading 78-62.

## Mavericks 110, Suns 95

In Dallas, Shawn Marion scored 18 points for Dallas in his 1,000th game, and Dirk Nowitzki also had 18 while passing Allen Iverson on the career scoring list.

It was the 10th straight home win for the Mavericks against the Suns, who haven't won in Dallas since March 14, 2007.

Nowitzki passed Iverson for 18th on the NBA's scoring list with a third-quarter jumper that stopped a Phoenix run, and his 3-pointer early in the fourth started a surge that put Dallas in control for good.

Phoenix rallied from a first-half deficit and made it interesting for a second straight night in Texas after losing at Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Goran Dragic led four players in double figures with 18 points.

## Hornets 91, Grizzlies 83

In Memphis, Tenn., Ryan Anderson scored 22 points for New Orleans, connecting on seven 3-pointers.

Anderson was 7 of 13 from the field, all of his attempts coming from outside the arc. Fellow reserve Jason Smith was 5 of 7 from the field for 16 points, and Anthony Davis was the only New Orleans starter to finish in double figures with 10 points.

The Hornets had dropped consecutive games.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 20 points and 13 rebounds for his league-leading 28th double-double. Marc Gasol had 14 points and 11 boards, and Jerryd Bayless also scored 14. Rudy Gay had 10 points, but was 3 for 17 from the field, including a 1-for-7 performance from long range.

New Orleans put the game away by outscoring Memphis 27-15 in the fourth quarter.

## Pistons 104, Magic 102

In Orlando, Fla., Brandon Knight had a career-high 31 points, including five 3-pointers, and Greg Monroe scored 17 to lead Detroit to the road win.

The Magic had a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds after a missed free throw, but missed three putback attempts.

Orlando's J.J. Redick tied a career high with 31 points and set a career high with eight 3-pointers. Jameer Nelson had 18 points and eight assists, and Glen Davis added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The Magic have lost five straight games.



# Tiger Woods in control at Torrey Pines

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Due to the fog that wiped out an entire day of golf, the Farmers Insurance Open was never going to end on Sunday.

Tiger Woods just made it look as if it was over.

Hands thrust in the pockets of his rain pants, Woods walked off Torrey Pines in the chill of twilight with a six-shot lead and only 11 more holes standing in the way of winning on the public course along the Pacific Ocean for the eighth time in his pro career.

He drove the ball with superb control in the third round on his way to a 3-under 69 to build a four-shot lead after three rounds. He lost control with his driver in the fourth round and still managed three birdies in seven holes.

"All we can do tomorrow is go out and try to make him think about it a little bit and see what happens," said Nick Watney, one of two former winners at Torrey Pines who faced the tough task of trying to make up six shots on Woods.

The other was defending champion Brandt Snedeker.

"I've got a guy at the top of the leaderboard that doesn't like giving up leads," Snedeker said. "So I have to go catch him."

Woods was at 17-under par for the tournament and will resume his round on the par-3 eighth hole. CBS Sports wants to televise the Monday finish—no surprise with Woods in the lead—so play won't start until 2 p.m. EST.

Snedeker played 13 holes of the final round. Watney played eight holes. Both were at 11-under par.

Woods played 25 holes. He started with a two-shot lead and tripled it before darkness

suspended the final round.

"It was a long day ... and I played well today," Woods said. "Overall, I'm very pleased that I was able to build on my lead."

Thick fog washed out all of Saturday, forcing players to go from sunrise to sunset Sunday. They finished the third round, took about 30 minutes for lunch and went right back onto the golf course.



Woods finished 54 holes at 14-under 202 and was four shots ahead of Canadian rookie Brad Fritsch. It was the 16th time in his PGA Tour career that Woods had a 54-hole lead of at least four shots.

If that wasn't enough to make the outcome look inevitable, everything was going his way in the final hour.

His tee shot was so far left on No. 2 that the ball finished in the first cut of rough in the sixth fairway. He still saved par. Woods made a birdie putt of about 10 feet on No. 3, and then wound up well right of the cart path and blocked by a tree on the fourth hole. He carved a punch shot around the tree, safely in front of the green, and his chip banged into the pin and dropped for birdie.

Two holes later, from a mangled lie in the right rough, he smashed a 5-wood that ran onto the green and set up a two-putt birdie.

Snedeker was seven shots behind after three rounds, the same deficit he faced a year ago. Only now he's trying to chase down Woods, already a seven-time winner at Torrey Pines with a daunting record from in front. Woods is 38-2 on the PGA Tour when he has the outright lead going into the last round.

"I've got to make some more

birdies," Snedeker said. "I've got a long way to go. I did a great job today of staying patient and playing good golf."

Woods didn't bother wearing red Sunday, knowing the tournament wouldn't end until the next day.

In some respects, though, it had the feeling of being over. Fritsch birdied the last hole of the third round for a 70 to finish on 206. Erik Compton finished birdie-eagle for a 71 and was alone in third through 54 holes, five shots behind. When someone asked him about chasing Woods, Compton started laughing.

"I'm trying to chase myself," he said.

Woods has won seven times at Torrey Pines as a pro, including a U.S. Open, and another win Monday would give him the most wins on any course. He also has seven wins at Bay Hill and Firestone. Sam Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open eight times, but only four times on one course.

Woods attributed his lead to "the whole package."

"I've driven the ball well, I've hit my irons well, and I've chipped and putted well," he said. "Well, I've hit good putts. They all haven't gone in."

Woods had superb control of his tee shots and was rarely out of position on a day that began under a light drizzle and soon gave way to patchy clouds and clear views of the Pacific surf below the bluffs.

Starting with a two-shot lead, he stretched that quickly with a tap-in birdie on the second hole and a beautiful tee shot to a left pin on the downhill par 3 to about 4 feet. The South Course played even longer with the soft conditions, and only seven players broke 70. Aaron Badde-



Tiger Woods looks over the green as he waits to putt on the 16th hole during the third round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament at the Torrey Pines Golf Course, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, in San Diego.

ley had the lowest score of the round with a 68.

Woods managed to stretch his lead with pars, though he was

always on the attack because of his position in the fairway.

He missed a downhill birdie putt from 4 feet on the par-5 ninth,

and then came back with a wedge that landed near the hole at No. 10 and spun back next to the cup before it settled 4 feet away for a birdie putt that he made.

He led by as many as six strokes in the third round until Fritsch birdied the last hole and Woods, playing in the group behind, ran into trouble. His tee shot rolled up near the lip of the bunker, and he advanced it 70 yards into deep rough. He swung hard through the thick, wet grass into a greenside bunker, and then missed his 8-foot par putt.

Still, it was an ominous sign.

One week after he missed the cut in Abu Dhabi—thanks to a two-shot penalty he received after his round for taking relief from an embedded lie on the fifth hole when the rules didn't allow for it—he looked as good as ever.

"As I said, I didn't play that poorly," Woods said of his short week in the Middle East. "I played well enough to be there on the weekend, and could have gotten two more rounds competitively, but I didn't really play poorly. I thought I did a lot of good things. Just wanted to continue that this week, and I have."

Woods has a 49-4 record on the PGA Tour when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead, and it's even more daunting when the lead is his alone. The only two players to come from behind to beat him over the final 18 holes were Ed Fiori in the Quad City Classic in 1996 when Woods was a 20-year-old rookie, and Y.E. Yang in the 2009 PGA Championship a Hazeltine.

In worldwide events, Thomas Bjorn (Dubai), Lee Westwood (Germany) and Graeme McDowell (Chevron World Challenge) have made up deficits against him on the last day.

## Team flag waves as 49ers arrive for Super Bowl



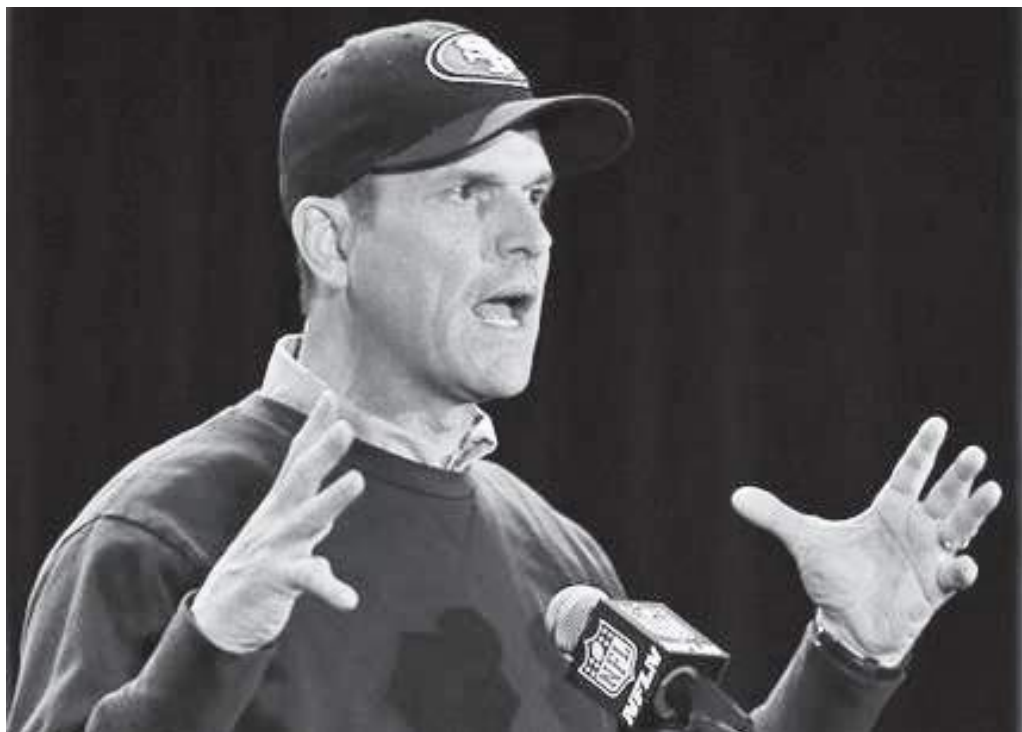
**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Jim Harbaugh stepped to the podium, smirked a bit, and greeted his first news conference as a Super Bowl coach.

"We're super happy to be here," he said Sunday night as his NFC champion San Francisco 49ers arrived in the Big Easy for the big game.

"I think this team has the best focus on unity and winning I've ever been a part of."

Considering that Harbaugh was an NFL quarterback for 14 seasons and a successful college coach before joining the 49ers, he knows something about winning.

Under Harbaugh, San Francisco has been to two NFC title games and, now, to its first Super Bowl in 18 years. The Niners (13-4-1) will play Baltimore (13-6), coached by Harbaugh's



San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh talks with reporters during a news conference on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, in New Orleans.

older brother, John, in next Sunday's Super Bowl.

He is certain his team is ready for the task as the 49ers seek their

sixth Vince Lombardi Trophy; they are 5-0 in Super Bowls.

"These are uncharted waters for a rookie Super Bowl coach," Harbaugh said. "But that's exciting. It's a great thrill, and we have a desire to be in uncharted waters. We always strive for that kind of challenge."

Earlier in the evening, with a team flag waving from an open window of their chartered plane, the 49ers arrived in a business-like manner. The players calmly walked off the airplane—no video recorders or cameras, no waves to onlookers.

Most of the team's veteran players disembarked first, including center Jonathan Goodwin, who won a Super Bowl three years ago with the Saints.

"You get to go to the Super Bowl with your childhood team, so that's something special to me," he said. "So hopefully I can find a way to win the Super Bowl with my childhood team."

Quarterback Colin Kaepernick, wearing a red wool cap sporting "49ers" on it, mouthed the words to a song

on his headphones as he walked on the tarmac.

He seemed just as relaxed 90 minutes later as he met the media.

"Pressure comes from a lack of preparation," said Kaepernick, who took over as the starter when Alex Smith got a concussion in November and has been sensational in keeping the job. "This is not a pressure situation. It's a matter of going out and performing."

Harbaugh said the 49ers came to New Orleans on Sunday to simulate a normal week. He likened their trip to his strategy the last two seasons when the 49ers spent a week in Youngstown, Ohio, between Eastern games rather than return to the Bay Area.

He liked the way the players and coaches bonded during that experience.

"Same approach," Harbaugh said. "Enjoy the moment and the preparation. I think our team enjoys that the most: the meetings, the preparation and then, especially, the competition."



# MHS 1 leads in girls soccer

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With two wins in as many games since the season opener, Marianas High School's Lady Dolphins 1 leads the three other competing squads in this year's Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Soccer being played on the Oleai Sports Complex field.

MHS 1 broke onto the scene in the Jan. 15 opener and mauled Kagman High's Lady Ayuyus (0-2), 6-0 and then edged out the Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays (1-1), 1-0, last Tuesday.

In the first match MHS 1's Charlene Lizardo broke the ice 10:19 into the first half and about three minutes later (13:37) her teammate Alodia Lumasag made it 2-0.

Lizardo struck again just prior to the 20-minute mark of the period (19:54) for a commanding 3-0 lead at mid point.

It was all Lady Dolphins 1 again through the second half as the group bagged three more goals in remaining 35 minutes of regulation.

MHS 1's Clareth Castro found the back of the net at 46:50, while Melody Johnson brought on the rout with back-to-back goals (52:45 and 60:40).

MHS 1's tango last week with SSHS entailed a 50-minute stalemate between the rival squads until finally, at 51:12, Lady Dolphins 1 forward Jeraldine Castillo put her team in the driver's seat and they held strong on defense for the remaining 20 minutes of regulation.

SSHS shares a 1-1 card with MHS Lady Dolphins 2. However, the former bested the latter, 3-0, back on Jan. 17, as Jurina Navarro broke the ice in the 10th minute after which Lady Rays mainstay Mariel Gariguez bagged two goals late in the match (43:36 and 52:46).

MHS 2 did hold on to get past KHS last Thursday, though the Ayuyus threatened with a pair of late goals before the final whistle.

KHS actually cast the first stone in the match as Veora Basa broke free at 4:51 to give her Lady Ayuyus the early lead, but MHS 2's Dianne "Bob" Pablo answered shortly after in the ninth minute.

Then just shy of the 20-minute mark, at 19:41, Lady Dolphins 2's Elaine Enriquez put the group ahead, 2-1.

The count remained the same through halftime and beyond, but the middle of the second period Mikayla Lopez gave Lady Dolphins 2 some breathing room with a clutch goal at 43:32.

It felt so good she struck again at 50:11 to give MHS 2 a comfortable 4-1 cushion.

KHS did not wilt, however, and fought all the way to the end.

Lady Ayuyus' Kimerlyn Butters and Basa helped the team save face and carved out a 1-goal deficit with respective goals at the 62:20 and 65:01 marks.

MISO girls soccer continues today at Oleai starting 4pm with KHS challenging SSHS.

## Rocball league holds tiebreakers

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Tiebreaking games will be played this week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium to determine the playoff cast in the 2012-2013 Rocball Fall League.

League organizer James Feger said after nine rounds in the regular season, Veterans and Smack Dat are in a deadlock for fifth place with their similar 8-1 records, while the Teachers and Nets are also in standoff for fourth to fifth place with their 5-4 slates.

Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs and with the Veterans and Smack Dat assured of the Top 2 spots and the Jumper (7-2) getting the third playoff ticket, the Teachers and Nets have to duel for the last seat to the next round this Friday at 1pm. The loser of the do-or-die match will join the eliminated Umi, Zumi, Geeks, Orioles, and the Fat Boys.



Smack Day and the Veterans will also have their own tiebreaker match this Thursday to determine the top seed in the playoffs.

The top-ranked squad in the playoffs will be paired against the No. 4 team in a best-of-three semis series, which will start next week. The No. 2 and 3 finishers will square off in a separate best-of-three semis showdown.

The Nets forced a rubber match for the last semis berth after pulling off an upset versus Smack Dat in their double overtime game in Round 8 last week. Smack Dat went on to recover from its lone loss in the regular season after slipping past the Veterans in another double overtime match last week. John Santy delivered the killer blow for Smack Dat in the second o-kon (Rocball term for overtime) when he knocked in a goal. In Rocball rules, the first team to make 6 points or score a goal in overtime wins the match.

## DJOKOVIC

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thrilling. I'm full of joy right now. It's going to give me a lot of confidence for the rest of the season, that's for sure."

Nine other men had won consecutive Australian titles in the Open era, but none three straight years. One of them was Andre Agassi, who presented Djokovic with the trophy.

A year ago, Djokovic began his season with an epic 5-hour, 53-minute five-set win over Rafael Nadal at the Australian Open, the longest Grand Slam final. He tore off his shirt to celebrate, the TV replays repeated constantly at this tournament.

He mimicked that celebration after coming back to beat Stanislas Wawrinka in five hours in a surprisingly tough

fourth-round victory this time.

Since then, he's looked every bit the No. 1 player. He said he played "perfectly" in his 89-minute win over fourth-seeded David Ferrer in the semifinals Thursday night. Murray struggled to beat 17-time major winner Roger Federer in five sets in the semifinals Friday night, and still had the bad blisters on his feet to show for it in the final.

In a final that had the makings of a classic when two of the best returners in tennis were unable to get a break of serve in the first two sets that lasted 2:13, the difference may have hinged on something as light as a feather.

Preparing for a second serve at 2-2 in the second set tiebreaker, Murray was rocking back about to toss the ball when he stopped, paused and then walked onto the court and tried to grab

a small white feather that was floating in his view. He went back to the baseline, bounced the ball another eight times and served too long.

After being called for a double-fault, Murray knocked the ball away in anger and flung his arm down. He didn't get close for the rest of the tiebreaker and was the first to drop serve in the match - in the eighth game of the third set. Djokovic broke him twice in the fourth set, which by then had turned into an easy march to victory.

"It was strange," said Djokovic, adding that it swung the momentum his way. "It obviously did. ... He made a crucial double-fault."

Murray didn't blame his loss on the one distraction.

"I mean, I could have served. It just caught my eye before I served. I thought

it was a good idea to move it," he said. "Maybe it wasn't because I obviously double-faulted."

"You know, at this level it can come down to just a few points here or there. My biggest chance was at the beginning of the second set—didn't quite get it. When Novak had his chance at the end of the third, he got his."

Djokovic had five break-point chances in the opening set, including four after having Murray at 0-40 in the seventh game, but wasn't able to convert any of them.

Then he surrendered the tiebreaker with six unforced errors. Murray appeared to be the stronger of the two at the time. He'd beaten Djokovic in their last Grand Slam encounter, the U.S. Open final, and had the Serb so off balance at times in the first set that

he slipped to the court and took skin off his knee.

Murray held serve to open the second set and had three break points at 0-40 in the second game, but Djokovic dug himself out of trouble and held.

"After that I felt just mentally a little bit lighter and more confident on the court than I've done in the first hour or so," Djokovic said. "I was serving better against him today in the first two sets than I've done in any of the match in the last two years."

Djokovic said he loves playing at Rod Laver Arena, where he won his first major title in 2008. He now has six Grand Slam titles altogether. Federer has won four of his 17 majors at Melbourne Park, and Agassi is the only other player to have won that many in Australia since 1968.

## CHINATOWN

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1-1 cards. The Sexy Boys and Adobo share the early lead with their identical 2-0 records, while LD Prime is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-3 slate.

Chinatown, which fell to the Sexy Boys in the division opener last week, avoided back-to-back losses after pulling off a come-from-behind victory over the ICS Shooters.

Jerome Norita made the game-winning basket for Chinatown, as the ICS Shooters committed a defensive lapse in the closing seconds of the match. With the game even, the ICS Shooters left the left baseline open and Norita

saw the clean lane and drove to the basket. After Norita's crucial bucket, the ICS Shooters was left with less than a second to make a play and with time running out, it just threw the ball in the inbound play.

Besides drilling the dagger, Norita also top-scored for Chinatown with his 22 points, while Paul Quizon and Justin Zapanta finished in twin digits, too, with their 18 and 10, respectively.

Norita and company grabbed the win despite trailing by as much as 12 markers in the opening canto, 9-21. Webby Guntar almost outgunned the entire Chinatown crew in the first period with his 7 markers to lift the ICS Shooters to the double-digit advantage.

Quizon then brought Chinatown back to business in the second period, 27-30, scoring 7 in that frame. He added 7 more in the third, while Norita also had 7 markers, as Chinatown wrestled back the lead, 51-42, entering the final canto.

It was the ICS Shooters' turn to play catch-up in the fourth period and it managed to tie the game off Guntar's two free throws before Norita saved the day for Chinatown.

In last Saturday's match, Gualo Rai held Servitek to 7 points in the second canto to seize control of the game en route to the 11-point win.

Gualo Rai was behind by a hair after the first 10 minutes of play, 13-14, when Servitek's offense was stalled, allowing

the former to grab the driver's seat at halftime, 29-21. Servitek was limited to three field goals, while Prince Factor had 8 points and drew help from three teammates to put Gualo Rai in front at the break.

Gualo Rai, which dropped its opener against Adobo, never looked back from thereon, as its younger players continued to step up on offense in the second half.

Factor paced Gualo Rai with his 18 points, while Mike Yap chipped in 11.

Meanwhile, Division B games will be played this week, while Division A action will resume next week, as organizers of the DLX/Anchor Strong league will give way to the title series in the QQ Cup.

## SATURDAY

**Gualo Rai 67** – Factor 18, Yap 11, Ibanez 7, Galulu 6, Deleon Guerrero, 6, Espinosa 4, Cayading 4, Capuyon 3, Morales 2.

**Servitek 56** – Simon 14, Bintz 13, Villasan 7, Salazar 7, Mateo 6, Webb 5, Detera 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-14, 29-21, 56-46, 67-56.

## FRIDAY

**Chinatown 58** – Norita 22, Quizon 18, Zapanta 10, Solito 3, William 2, Avila 2, Pua 1.

**ICS Shooters 56** – Gunat 21, David 14, Tala 7, Espinosa 6, Mallari 4, Corotan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 9-21, 27-30, 42-51, 58-56.

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Ayuyus (1-6), 25-12, 25-15, and, 15-5, and then Mount Carmel School's Lady Knights (4-2), 25-9, 25-14, and, 15-10.

Meanwhile, MHS Blue Dolphins dropped its first set against Saipan International School's White Lady Geckos

(5-4), 23-25, but grinded out the win in the remaining two sets, 25-16 and 15-5, to cap its sixth win through eight games.

Meanwhile, Marianas Baptist Academy's Lady Stormz (3-5) bounced back with a couple of wins last week and SIS White pulled off an impressive upset over its more seasoned Green Lady Geckos (5-2), 13-25, 25-14, and, 15-11.

The Lady Stormz blew through MHS' Yellow Lady Dolphins (2-5), 25-7, 25-9, and, 19-17; and Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays (0-6), 25-16, 25-6, and, 15-8.

## Schedule change

Due to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's inauguration ceremony, to-

morrow's originally scheduled pairings will be moved to Wednesday at the MHS Gym. Game times remain unchanged.

In addition, MISO's boys basketball matchups have also been both relocated and rescheduled for tomorrow at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium starting at 4pm with junior varsity action featur-

ing Saipan International School's Jr. Geckos (0-2) taking on the Marianas High School's Jr. Dolphins (3-0) followed by the 5:45pm varsity tip between MHS (2-1) and the Mount Carmel School Knights (0-2).

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Martindale made it to the finish line at the American Memorial Park after going up to Navy Hill through the coffee plantations and some XTERRA Saipan Championship trails leading to Mt. Tapochao at the 1:49:55 mark, beating perennial run races participants Ronald Villafria and Tyce Mister.

Villafria, who won last year's 10K race after pulling off an upset over Ketsun "Jack" Kabiriel, decided to take the longer course last weekend, but settled for a runner-up finish this time after logging 1:54:44. Mister also tried the long course in preparation for this year's XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman Triathlon rounded out the Top 3 with his 1:56:56.

In the women's division, Tenorio cut the tape at the AMP more than four

minutes ahead of runner-up Pipit Ball. Tenorio clocked in at 2:25:18 against Ball's 2:29:37. Japanese runner Miwa Hakutaka completed the Top 3 with a time of 2:38:05.

In the women's 10K, which followed the same route as the 15K, but runners headed back to AMP without going up to Mt. Tapochao, Sletten ended Akane Imaya's three-year reign after negotiating last weekend's shorter course in 1:04:57. Imaya missed her

fourth straight 10K title by less than two minutes, as she made it to AMP at the 1:06:11 mark. Last year's runner-up Wantha Aldrich dropped to third with her 1:14:05. In the men's division, Viator finished the 10K at the 53:19, leaving him with enough time to catch up with the 8th Annual SSC Meek & Mighty Ocean Swim at the Pacific Islands Club. Viator defeated Charlie Sendin (55:06) and Steve Pixley (1:01:39).

The Top 3 overall finishers in both 10K and 15K races received medals and gift packs from event sponsor Marianas Coffee.

Meanwhile, the organizing Marianas Visitors Authority also recognized the top finishers in the various age groups of both the 10K and 15K races in the awards ceremony held at the pavilion at AMP. Age group winners will be announced in *Saipan Tribune's* Wednesday edition.



# 8th SSC Annual Meek & Mighty Ocean Swim

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Lewie Tenorio removes his goggles after completing the Meek race in last Saturday's 8th SSC Annual Meek & Mighty Ocean Swim held in the waters off Pacific Islands Club.



Hiroto Yanai rushes to the shore.



Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura poses with his swimmers after the race.



Suzu Kindel, right, gets a hi-five from Paul Plunkett after completing the Tweeners race.



Nicky Nichols goes for his second lap, while PIC's Glenn Policare looks on waiting for four other swimmers making a turn at the buoy.



Husband and wife Joshua and Mamiko Berger smile for the camera.



Two Saipan Swim Club swimmers get out of the water.



Three Saipan Swim Club swimmers play after completing their races.



Two young female swimmers head to the finish line.



Michael Villagomez, left, and Sean Smith, right, head to the buoy for their last lap in the three-lap Tweeners race.





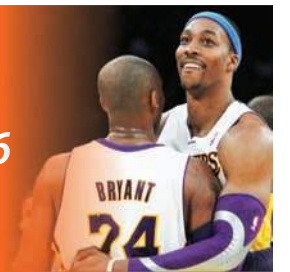
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## Djokovic completes Australian Open hat trick

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—No shirt ripping or bare-chested flexing this time.

Novak Djokovic completed his work before midnight, defeating Andy Murray in four sets for his third consecutive Australian Open title and fourth overall.



It was also the second time in three years Djokovic had beaten his long-time friend in this final. So the celebration was muted: a small victory shuffle, raised arms, a kiss for the trophy. No grand histrionics, although that's not to say the moment was lost on him.

"Winning it three in a row, it's incredible," Djokovic said after his 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-2 victory Sunday night. "It's very

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Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Spain's David Ferrer in their semifinal match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Amy Sletten heads to the finish line of last Saturday's 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run at the American Memorial Park.

## New winners in Coffee Trail Run

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Three first-timers had winning debuts in last Saturday's 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run.

Nicholas Martindale led the list of new winners, topping the 15-kilometer race, while Soledad Tenorio ruled

the women's division, and Amy Sletten prevailed in the 10K event. Paul Viator completed the winners' circle, as he recorded his first 10K win after doing the Coffee Trail's long course a few years ago.

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## Chinatown, Gualo Rai bounce back

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Chinatown and Gualo Rai recovered from their debut losses in Division B of the 2013 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League after downing separate opponents over the weekend at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In last Friday's curtain raiser, Chinatown edged the ICS Shooters, 58-56, while Gualo Rai topped Servitek in the second match last Saturday, 67-57. The two victors, Servitek and JWS, are now tied for second place in the eight-team field with their similar

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Gualo Rai's Joseph Galulu floats in the air, as he goes for a shot against two Servitek defenders during the first quarter of their Division B game in the DLX/Anchor Strong league last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

## Eagles still flying high, MHS Blue Dolphins surging

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Grace Christian Academy's Lady Eagles and Marianas High School's Blue Lady Dolphins continue to lead the way after last Thursday's

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Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization 2013 girls volleyball season matchups held at the MHS Gymnasium.

Lone frontrunner GCA kept its undefeated streak with its eighth win in a row after putting down the Kagman High Lady

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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Marianas Baptist Academy Lady Stormz's Savannah Delos Santos returns the ball over the front line of defenders during Thursday's MISO girls volleyball matchup against the Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays in the Marianas High School Gymnasium.